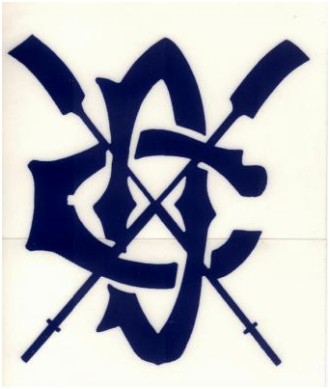
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News and Notes for the Dolphin Club Membership

A Year in the Life Video

The independent video project "A Year in the Life of the Dolphin Club" is proceeding on time and under budget. By the time you read this, volunteers will have documented the New Year's Day Alcatraz swim, the Walt Stack memorial, Gumbo Night, the Old-Timers' Crab Feed, and numerous quotidian activities. Their hope is to create a "video scrapbook" that will cover the high points of 1995 at the club and become a visual testament to the club's unique qualities.

The producers welcome volunteers (especially for editing) and additional cameras (especially seaworthy cameras). Contact Krist Jake at 415-468-8200 (days) or fax him at 415-468-8202. Or contact Board member Nancy Friedman, who is assisting, at 510-652-4159.



Anne Sasaki

Spring Cleaning

The tri-annual Dolphin Club clean-up will be happening on Saturday, May 20, 1995. Show up with your overalls, boots, and gloves at 9:00a.m. As always, great food will be served.

Panoramic Photo Op

Dolphin Members should prepare for the upcoming Panoramic Photo shoot. Two separate photographs will be taken encompassing Aquatic Park, the Clubhouse, the beach, the piers and of course, you. The shoot will start around 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, 1995. The photographs will be available for members to purchase to offset expenses. The cost will be based on membership response.

Public Relations Issues

How should the club handle publicity requests from news media, commercial ventures, and nonprofit organizations? When do we say "yes" and when do we say "no" to TV and movie crews? Is it ever appropriate for the club to instigate a public relations campaign?

These are some of the issues being tackled by the newly formed Public Relations Committee. Headed by Board members David Copeland, Mag Donaldson, and Nancy Friedman, the committee is working on general guidelines for club contact with news media and for-profit enterprises. The guidelines will be published as soon as they are established. In the meantime, any publicity or commercial-use requests should be directed, preferably in writing at least 7 days before the proposed coverage or event, to David, Mag, or Nancy.

Handball News

The handball court's hardwood floor was sanded and completely refinished during the last week of January, at no cost to the Club. Paramount Pictures had used the court during their recent filming. Many thanks to Stan Hlynsky for persuading the film company to assume full cost for refinishing the handball court.

The handball court will now be ready for the two main handball tournaments of the year, the Cinco de Mayo and Memorial Day tournaments. The Cinco de Mayo tournament will highlight the best players in the Bay Area, and will be held on the weekend of May 6th and 7th. Mexican food and beer will

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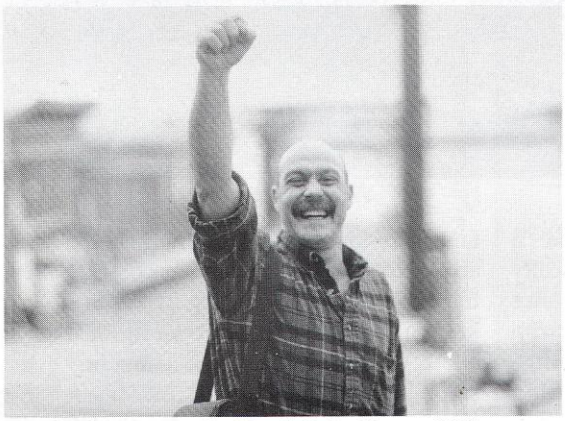
Pete and Pat's Swim Report

By Pete Bianucci & Pat North, Swim Commissioners

Is it the whirling dervish or maybe a windmill gone mad? As many of you are already aware, George "No Tide Rides" Kebbe broke Patrick Freilinger's Polar Bear record of 232 miles. George swam an amazing 255 miles in three short months. Congratulations, George. It is quite an achievement and a record that will stand for a long time. Another notable Polar Bear accomplishment is first timer Becky Fenson racking up 150+ miles, a ferocious effort. But let us just take a moment to reflect on those swimmers who stay in the icy waters for forty minutes to fill in two squares. They will make their forty miles with little fanfare, but they also should be acknowledged for their stamina and persistence. And one final Polar Bear note, North Lake Tahoe division. On March 4th, Laura Burtch competed against 9 other women for a 150 yd. splashdash in 41 degree water. In addition to racking up hundreds of polor bear miles over the years, Laura Burtch still managed to come in third place behind a wet-suited winner.

Speaking of wet suits, was that a wet suit Larry Scroggins sported for the New Year's Day Alcatraz swim? Not quite. Looking quite devil-may-care, Larry emerged from the icy cold waters attired in a black tuxedo, white shirt and tie. Painted on that is. On the other hand, Mr. Devil May Care Himself—that would be Liam Hennessey—emerged from those same icy waters visibly shaken. A remarkable athlete, Liam nevertheless found that swimming with cracked ribs proved a daunting experience. He still came in 8th place. And first place with flash bulbs flashing and cameras whirring was Suzanne Heim. Graciously, she waited on the beach to congratulate second place finisher, John Selmer. A Culinary note, all participants were tantalized by the smell of pig wafting through the air.

Dan Osborne, first time participant and winner of last summer's Over 60 Swim, started off the new swim season by thumbing his nose at the young'uns by winning the New Year's Day Cove Swim. (We will be very discreet and not mention the "old" Swim Commissioner coming down late to find that the swim had already begun.) And always a man of inimitable style, Bill Powning backstroked his smile across the finish line, bringing the race to an end.



James Mason

On his way to the North Pole: George Kebbe

Once again Mother Nature snickered at *Homo Sapiens dolphinae* with their little tide books neatly charting and circumscribing nature into boxes and graphs, tides and currents. This year's Mid-Winter Gas House Cove provided a good reminder to us all that the tide charts are not the Bible, but rather, a set of probabilities to be weighed with experience and common sense. A strong flood should have lasted long enough to sweep all the swimmers into the cove, but the tide changed prematurely. Swimmers such as Jackie Merovich and David Broadbear had to fight their way into the cove. And admirably, we might add. First one in at 19 minutes was John Selmer.

At the February 16th Board meeting, we made a formal proposal to officially change the name of the Mid-Winter Cove to the Z-Man Mid-Winter Cove to honor David Zovickian's past work as Swim Commissioner. The motion passed unanimously. It seemed only appropriate that Laura Burtch came in first for the first Z-man. It was great fun as the Dolphins embraced the Z spirit. Along with the Z swim course, Z's were carved into the sand (Gina Rus), Z posters were plastered all about (Ruben Hechanova), cut up bagels and donuts formed Z's on the table (Julie Lesage) and swim results designed themselves magically into a Z (Pam Derks). And best of all, Z-man T-shirts were given out as a special trinket to commemorate the event (Barbara and Mark Keller).

Finally, a modest proposal. When Herb and Eleanor left, they left behind an emotional wreck of a man in Lou Marcelli. But now, JOEY AND BABE, THE NEXT GENERATION have flown their way into the Duckmaster's heart. Unfortunately, the sacred ritual of bonding between a duckmaster and his ducks keeps getting interrupted by swimmers and people who want to row their boats. Now, *bonding interruptus* is a serious and often frustrating matter. So, having consulted with Al de la Peña, the Boat House Captain, Ken Frank, the Rowing Commissioner, Jon Nakamura, the President and with the full support of the Swim Commission, we propose a month's moratorium on swimming and the launching of any water craft. The following dates are for your consideration: April 15 - May 15 or May 1 - May 30. Please let any Board member or officer know your feelings on this issue.

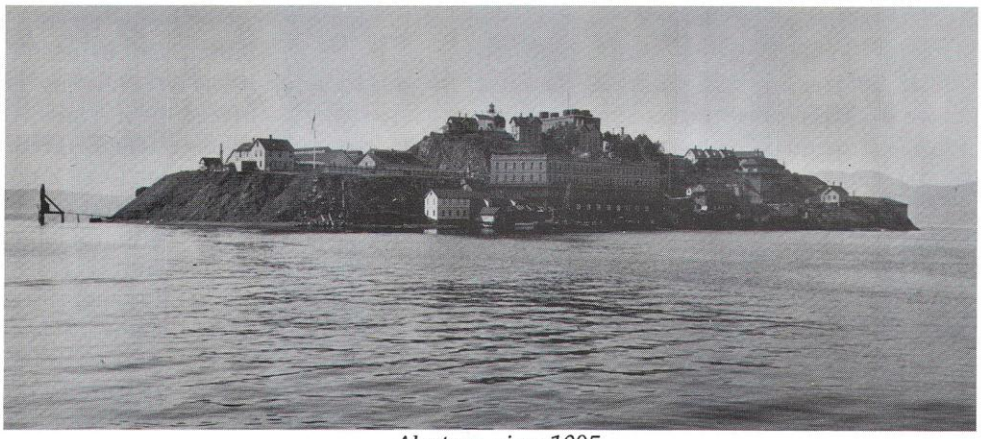
Quack.

Alcatraz — Past and Present

By Christopher M. Kelly

Alcatraz Island is a rocky history lesson that sits in the middle of San Francisco Bay. From a distance, the main cell block, water tower and lighthouse create ordered angles against the sky, perpetuating the island's image as an escape-proof federal prison. However, when one draws close to its shores, clues of vulnerability can be seen. Pitted, broken concrete walls, twisted steel fences, and faded warnings greet the person who takes a closer look. Just as coming physically closer to the former prison island creates a more complete image of Alcatraz, a look at the two centuries-plus of its history and its link with the Dolphin tradition will provide a clearer understanding of the place.

Photograph courtesy of G.G.N.R.A., Gordon Chappelle Collection



Alcatraz, circa 1905...

The documented history of the island starts much as most history does in California—an account from a Spanish explorer. Juan Manuel de Ayala named the island "La Isla de los Alcatraces" for the many different species of birds he and his party encountered. It was also noted that the island was devoid of vegetation, beginning the perception of desolation that still permeates Alcatraz. During the Mexican/American war of 1846 through 1848, Lt. William Warner of the U.S. Army inspected the island and found it to have good potential as a defensive battery. No ship could pass less than a mile from its shores, and at the time, the heights of the island were high enough from the surface of the bay waters to lay waste to any craft that might attempt an approach.

Between 1849 and 1860, San Francisco grew to be one of the twelve largest urban centers in the United States. In light of the Bay Area's emerging importance, President Millard Fillmore signed an executive order for a military base on the island. Consequently, it became known in those times and over the next eighty years as Fort Alcatraz. The gently sloping cliffs were blasted into sheer ones. A broad plateau was also blasted and cleared to create an open area for artillery emplacements. The original plan called for fifty-three guns, but as international tensions in the area increased and California became an increasingly important port and tax base, the Fort was integrated into a multi-layered bay defense system. In its heyday as a military base, Fort Alcatraz aimed over 140 guns over the bay, including 15 inch cannon, just shy of modern battleship caliber.

Its history as a prison began in the opening months of the Civil War. Given a free hand after President Abraham Lincoln suspended the writ of habeus corpus for treason and related crimes, local military and civilian officials had suspected Confederate sympathizers arrested and held on the island. Alcatraz was used in this capacity until the end of the war. In the years after the conflict, the military capacity of Alcatraz diminished as it increased its role as a military prison. The shift in use was understandable. The proximity to freedom would have a definite punishing effect on those incarcerated, while the chilling, treacherous moat of the bay would dissuade most from realistic thoughts of escape. By 1885, it became the U.S. Army's main military prison in the Pacific. By 1901, the last of its big guns were dismounted.

In the mid-thirties, the modern chapter of Alcatraz began. Acquired by the Department of Prisons, Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary opened in 1934. Prisoners who were repeatedly convicted, known for escapes or who were considered otherwise incorrigible were

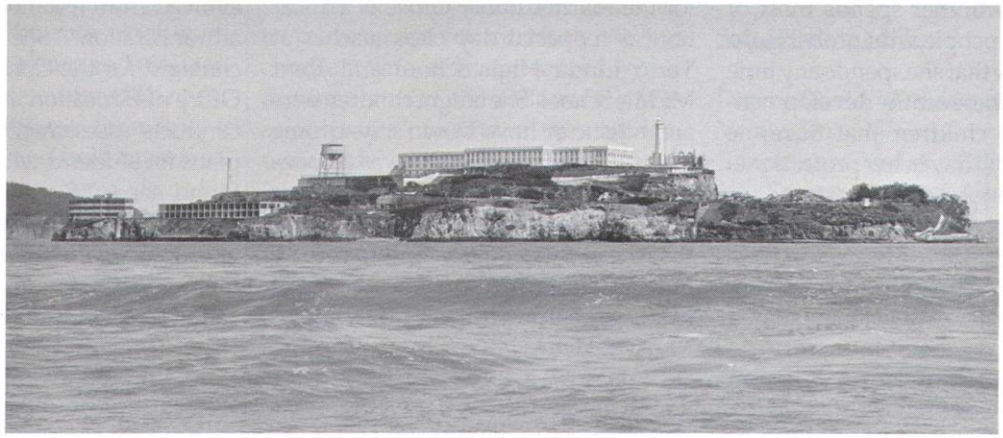


Alcatraz: escape proof?

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sent here. Some Alcatraz inmates are the best known in the annals of modern American criminal history, including Alphonse Capone and George "Machine Gun" Kelly. The events that occurred on the island during this time match the notoriety of its inmates. In 1946, an organized revolt by prisoners lasted three days. A landing on the island of U.S. Marines was necessary to finally restore order. The incident later came to be called the Battle of Alcatraz. During the time the island was a federal prison, many escape attempts were made, all of them were probably unsuccessful—all but one.

Four inmates and an unknown number of conspirators conceived and executed an ultimate escape plan that culminated on the evening of June 11, 1962. Sometime after the 9:30 p.m. bed check, inmates John and Clarence Anglin, Alan West and Frank Lee Morris placed fake heads fashioned of paper maché and their own hair on the pillows of their cell beds and clothing under their blankets. They then crawled through vents in their cell walls they had been enlarging for months, minutes at a time, with spoons. The escapees then made their way through a utility shaft and to a vent that led to the cell block roof. From here they shimmied down a pipe that led to the ground, scaled a fifteen foot high fence and made their way to the water. Morris and the Anglin brothers entered the water together, equipped with flotation devices fashioned from raincoats. A few minutes later Alan West emerged from the cell-block vent moments before a guard was stationed almost directly in his path to the fence. West captured when the other three were discovered missing, over six hours later. Morris and the Anglins were never seen again, leading the Department of Prisons to believe the three were overcome by the cold water and drowned. The maximum current at the Golden Gate during their window of escape was a 2.2 knot ebb. A report from the Department soon after the escape stated that a merchant marine vessel sighted three corpses just outside the Golden Gate. Though the Department is confident the three escapees died, federal marshals have kept the case open. There is no statute of limitations for an escape from a federal prison, so if one or more of the escapees survived, it is highly unlikely they would come forward. Alan West died in a Florida state prison in 1978.



Mark O'Hara

...as it stands today.

One last piece of history should also be noted. On December 16 of 1962, over five months later and five degrees colder in the bay than in June, inmate Paul Scott and a peer made it to the water during a stronger ebb than the June 11 escape. His escape mate was found floundering 150 yards west of the island, but Scott swam to the shore of the Presidio before being captured.

The relationship between the Dolphin Club and Alcatraz began in September of 1960 with the first swimming race from the island to the shore of the Club. On July 11, 1981, the first Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon was held, inspired by the 1962 escape and certainly no less difficult: a 1.4 mile swim from the island to the Club, a twelve mile bicycle sprint to Mill Valley and the foothills of Mount Tamalpais, where the 14.5 mile Double Dipsea cross country run begins and ends. The participants of these events, just like the ones previously noted, are an important part of local history—a history kept alive now and in the future, in part, by Dolphins. ★

The following were indispensable in writing this article: Irene Stachura, J. Porter Shaw Library and Susan Ewing Haley, Presidio Museum.

Escape From Alcatraz
June 11, 1962

		Swim	Bike	Run	Total
1.	Frank Lee Morris	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
2.	John Anglin	"	"	"	"
3.	Clarence Anglin	"	"	"	"
4.	Alan West	DNF			

Escape From Alcatraz
December 16, 1962

		Swim	Bike	Run	Total
1.	Paul Scott	45:00	DNF	DNF	DNF

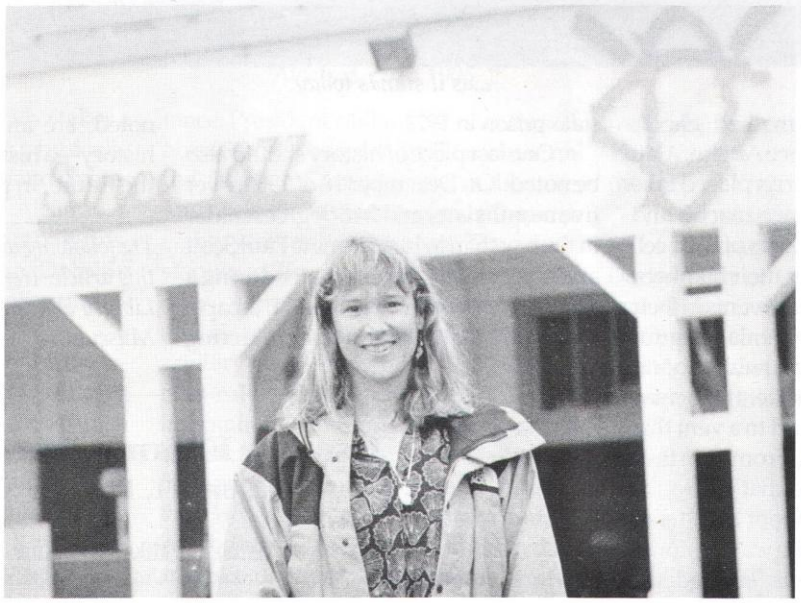
Modern day "Escape" results continued on page 17

A Legend out of Water

By Eric Mellinger

Most Dolphins know Suzanne Heim as the person who has finished first in most of the races during her 17 years as a Club member. It may appear that Suzanne does nothing but work out 24 hours a day. The reality is that the world-class swimmer spends most of her time with people who probably do not even know that she spends any time in the water. These are the developmentally delayed children that Suzanne works with each day in her professional career as a school psychologist.

She has spent most of her life working with children who are autistic, have Down's Syndrome or other types of congenital disabilities. At age 12, she started working with kids who have special needs at the Forest Meadow School in Marin. It was here she discovered that helping children with disabilities would be her life's work. She has spent much more time in the classroom and administrating than training for the races she competes in each year. Suzanne has enhanced her skills in special education by attaining several degrees, the first of which was a B.S. in Child Development from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obisbo.



John Perino

After her four years at Cal Poly, Suzanne worked at the Oakview Preschool Day Care Center in San Rafael where she supervised the school's afternoon day care program and taught preschool. Her duties included planning curriculum, time management of personnel and programs, and implementing activities there. At the same time, she continued her education at Dominican College in San Rafael, where she earned an M.S. in Special Education/ Severely Handicapped and obtained teaching credentials in Multiple Subjects, Severely Handicapped and Learning Handicapped.

From 1983 to 1990 Suzanne worked for the Marin County Office of Education as a special day class teacher at Terra Linda High School and Kent Middle School. She taught children who are autistic or have Down's Syndrome essential life skills and she was responsible for the regular education volunteer and mainstream program. It was here that she also organized a group of forty high school peer tutors for the special needs students. The peer tutors supervised activities on campus such as landscaping and shopping.

Her efforts did not go unnoticed or unrewarded. In 1989 Suzanne attended the University of Auckland, New Zealand on a Paul Harris Rotary Scholarship. Here, she conducted research in post-school adjustment of adults with mental retardation. When she returned to the U.S. in 1990, she crowned her education with an M.S. in Counseling and Clinical Child Psychology as well as obtaining credentials in School Psychology and Pupil Personnel Services from California State University at Hayward.

Currently, Suzanne's career has evolved from teaching to research and administration. She is a school psychologist for the Contra Costa County Office of Education in Brentwood. She conducts assessments and behavioral plans for students with severe and profound needs. Suzanne has also taken great strides to organize other volunteers to do likewise. She also works in the Contra Costa County Office of Education with eighteen teachers who provide guidance to one-hundred and fifty kids at seven different schools. Part of her responsibility as a school psychologist involves conducting formal and informal IQ tests. This is necessary to determine if particular students will continue to receive special education and to monitor their progress. These results help decide if the students will continue to require special education.

Juggling such a demanding career and an intense workout schedule requires extreme dedication. Suzanne approaches working with children the same way she approaches her swimming. According to Suzanne, "Kids present a challenge in terms of communication. They tap my creative ability to figure out ways to help them communicate." Swimming gives Suzanne a similar challenge. To achieve the level of greatness that Suzanne has in swim-

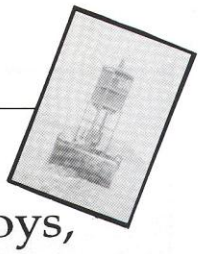
ming she says, "I like to test my mental toughness each day. I love to work out and race others in practice and I also enjoy the personal test or battles that each workout brings. In order to maintain my workout schedule and the demands of work, I dig deep to find the drive to see what I am truly capable of accomplishing as a swimmer and a human being."

Suzanne will always continue to swim because she loves the sport of swimming regardless of the outcome. "I enjoy taking risks to find the greater swimmer inside. If I happen to fail, I do not get discouraged but rather look upon it as a learning experience and make an effort to be more determined the next time. I am an ambitious swimmer who sets my own goals and hold myself responsible for reaching them." In order to keep up with the competition, Suzanne participates in workouts with high school swimmers who also set high standards for themselves. Many of these young swimmers have set such lofty goals as competing in the Olympics.

Her brand of goal setting has brought awards in kind. In addition to the Paul Harris Rotary Scholarship, she also won the Golden Bell Award, for Outstanding Peer Tutoring Program. One of her most prestigious swimming awards was the Silver Medal in the Long Distance World Championship at Lake Geneva. The victory was significant enough to get her picture in the Swimming Hall of Fame in Florida. For those who watch CNN on New Years day and may have lost count, she has won the New Years Day Alcatraz Swim seven times.

Suzanne usually trains about two hours a day. The events outside the Dolphin Club races she plans to compete in soon are the United States Swimming National 10k race and the USS Los Angeles Invitational as well as a few Masters Swim Meets. Her job and training give Suzanne the opportunity to test her limits each day both at work and at play. She says, "it is a good bet that if one gives up in training that most likely one will give up in life when things get a little rocky or tough. The stakes in life of course, are much higher than the stakes in swimming."

ROWING REPORT



By Kenneth Frank

The Importance of Light Buoys, Beacons and Fog Horns

One of the most important components to piloting on the Bay is navigation. In order to be a better pilot for yourself or your swimmer, you need to know where you currently are and choose a safe, efficient route to your destination. On the following pages are pictures of some of the "navigational aids," found from Aquatic Park Lagoon, westward to the Golden Gate Bridge and eastward to Blossom Rock. These navigational aids are useful to determine a relative position of the boat. These pictures were suggested by former Boat Captain Don Harrison. The photos were taken (sometimes under very wet conditions by John (Ginzo) Perino. This is by no means a complete list—it is meant to stimulate your interest and provide some basic references.

The best method of bay navigation is the use of charts. Take the time to read through the book titled, *"Chart No. 1 — Nautical Chart — Symbols, Abbreviations, and Terms,"* found in the podium under the log book. Dolphin pilots should familiarize themselves particularly with the sections titled: Lights, Buoys Beacons and Fog Signals. The exact location of these aids can be found by the back the stairwell on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration "Chart 18650." Test yourself and see if you recognize the location and why the lights, buoys and daymarkers are located where they are and what characteristics they have in common i.e. color, shape, sound and number. One might determine which photograph matches the proper navigation marker listed, by using the "NOAA Chart" and "Chart No. 1" Book. For example you'll find on the chart "GR "BR" Fl(2+1)G6sBELL" which stands for Blossom Rock (above-right), which you can find out on the bay south-east of Alcatraz, north of Pier 39 and west of Treasure Island.

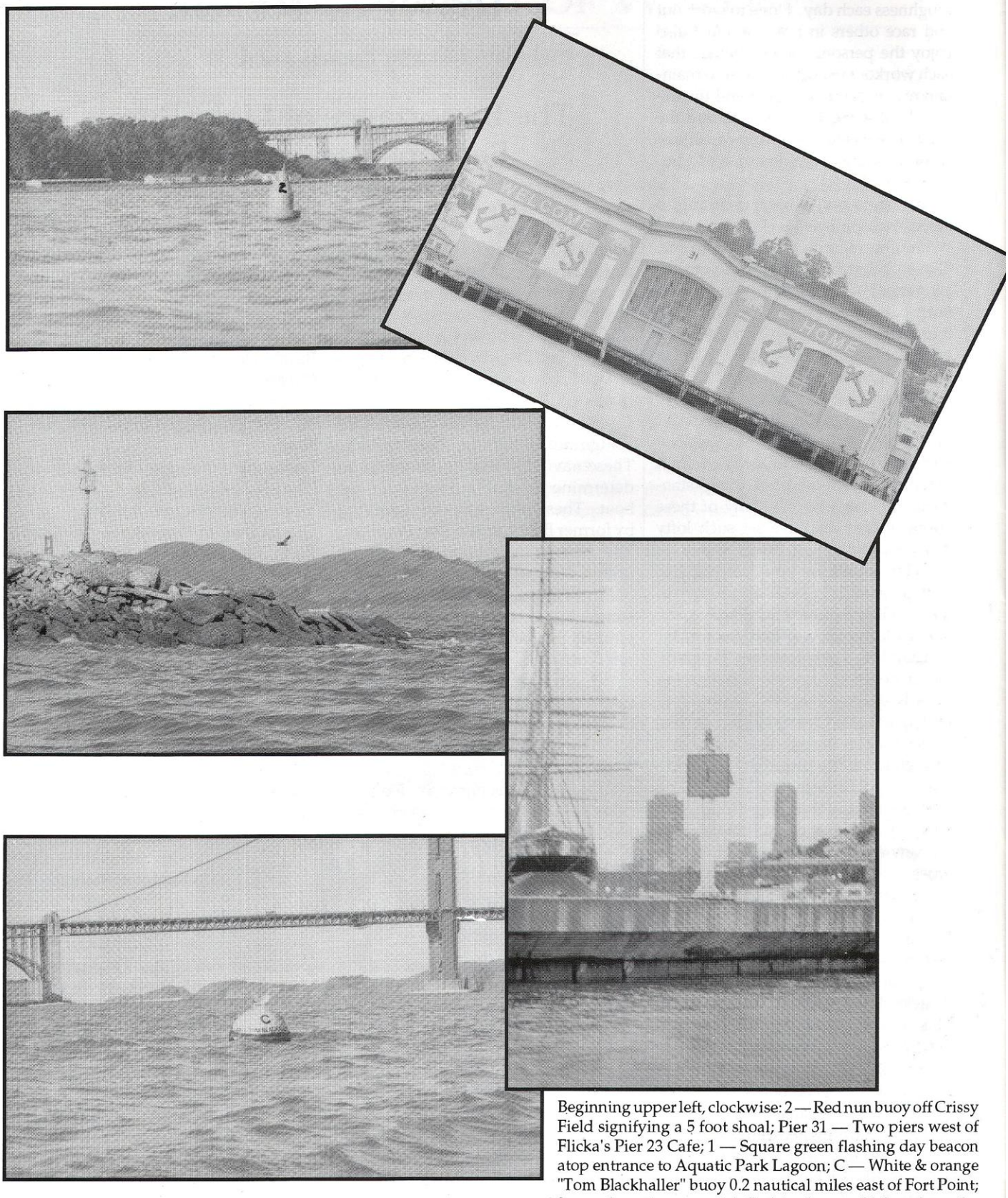
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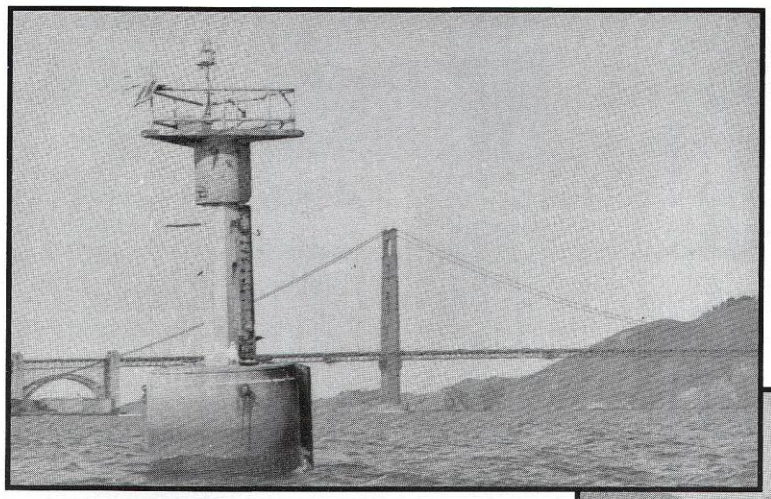
We had a record number of thirty new entrants in Rowing Training since the beginning of the year. Taught in formal classes held by Messrs. Kevin Hartnett, Phil Kohlenberg, Phil Reiff, Gabe Scurlock and John Stacey and also at various times during the month by myself. Rowing Instructor Training was held concurrently.

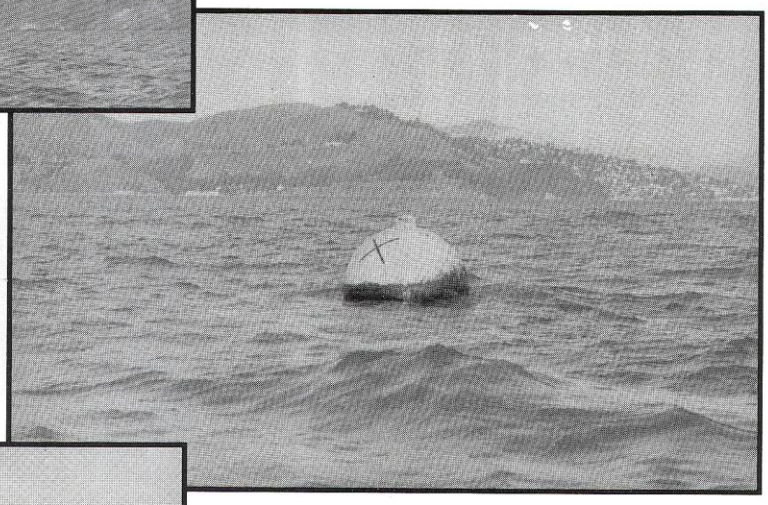
Progress on the *John Wieland*

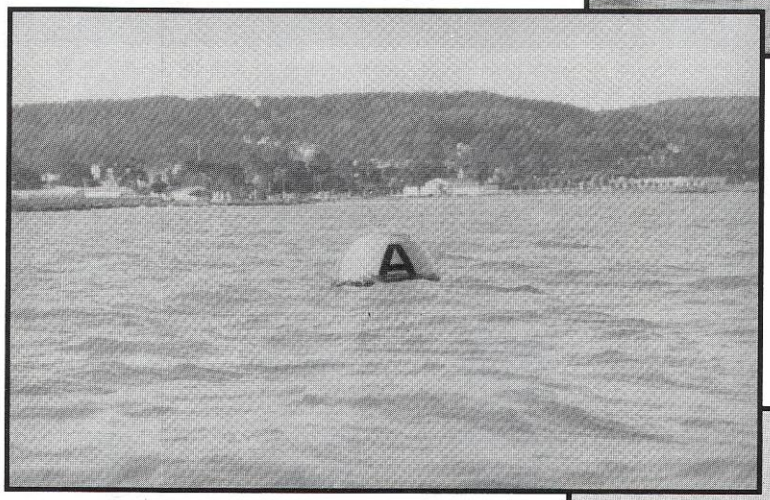
Recently, we have under taken rebuilding the *John Wieland*, our fifty foot, six station barge. Four patterns were made for the bow & stern garboard strakes. The first set of cedar stock was milled up, cut to shape of finished planks, and the shoring was built. On Valentine's Eve, with a small army of volunteers, we steamed out the planks, rapidly securing them to the keel in a zealous rush of 15 second intervals!

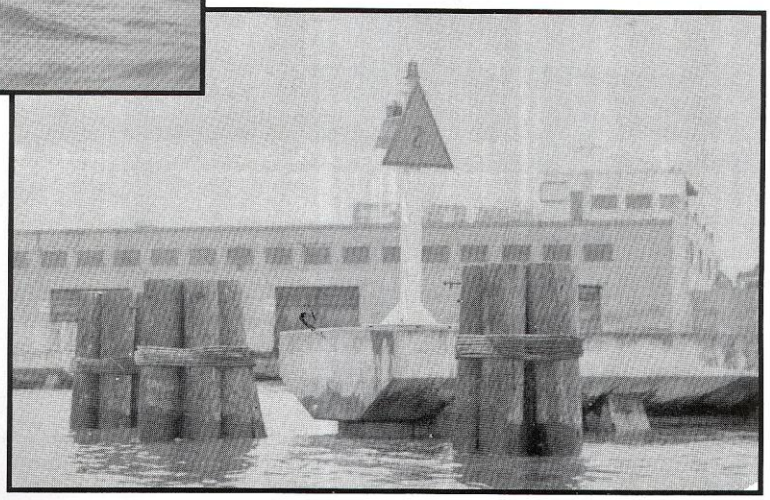


Beginning upper left, clockwise: 2 — Red nun buoy off Crissy Field signifying a 5 foot shoal; Pier 31 — Two piers west of Flicka's Pier 23 Cafe; 1 — Square green flashing day beacon atop entrance to Aquatic Park Lagoon; C — White & orange "Tom Blackhaller" buoy 0.2 nautical miles east of Fort Point; 2 — red continuous quick flashing beacon 21 feet above the jetty near the wave organ at Yacht Harbor.









Beginning upper left, clockwise: Anita Rock — 20 feet high and "D" white & orange sphere; X — White & orange sphere start/finish buoy north of Golden Gate Yacht Club; 2 — Triangle red day beacon atop the entrance to the new breakwater; and A — White & orange sphere off the St. Francis Yacht Club.

Photographs by John Perino

A Little Mixed Up
by Walt Stack

Just a line to say I'm living,
That I'm not among the dead;
Though I'm getting more forgetful,
And mixed up in the head.

For sometimes I can't remember
When I stand at the foot of the stair
If I must go up for something,
Or I've just come down form there.

And before the fridge door opens
My poor mind is filled with doubt,
Have I put food away, or
Have I gone to take some out?

And there are times when it is dark
With my nightcap on my head,
I don't know if I'm retiring
Or just getting out of bed.

So remember I do love you,
And I wish that you were near,
But now it's nearly bedtime,
So I must say good-bye, my dear.

There I stood beside the mailbox
With a face so very red,
Instead of mailing you my letter
I had opened it instead.



Dolphin Club Milestones — 1994

—Life Members—

Bill Harlan
Joined April 1969

—Golden Dolphin Membership—
(fifty-years)

John Sargris
Joined July 1944

—Deaths—

Anthony "Nino" La Rocca
Joined September 1939
Died February 7, 1994

Howard Hall
Joined July 1959
Died April 21, 1994

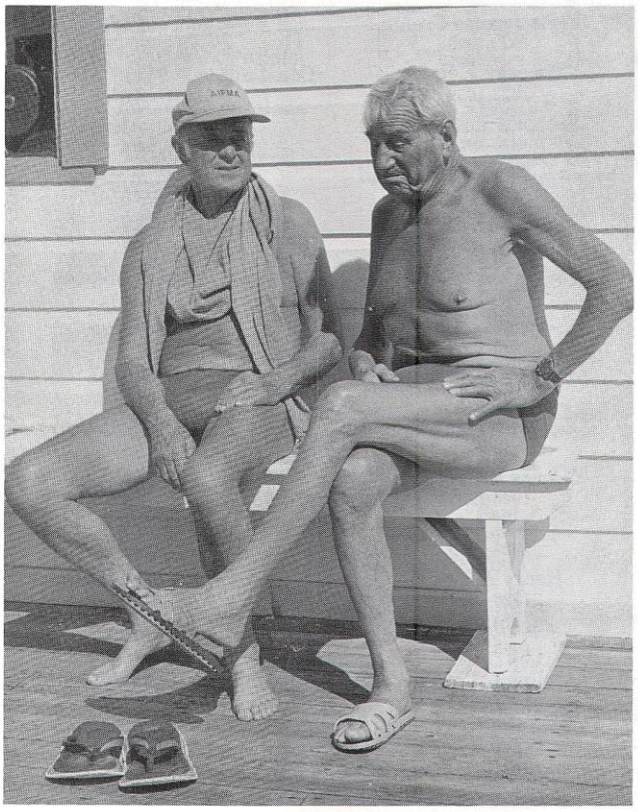
Mike Desmond Jr.
Joined January 1936
Died May 3, 1994



Photograph by Bob David with assistance from John Perino

At left, Walt Stack watches over several generations of Dolphins at the 1995 Old Timer's Crab Feed. Truly, he lives on.

To purchase the Old Timer's Diner Photo, pick up an order form on the bulletin board next to the Zahler Room.





Dolphin Club Life Members 1877-1995

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Albert P. Rothkopf
1877-1920

Adam L. Schuppert
pre 1886-1914

Frank C. Staib
1888-1938

James John Cronin
1891-1956

Charles M. Farrell
1891-1933

Joseph B. Keenan
1892-1958

Thomas R. Keenan
1892-1933

William T. Dunn
1894-1920

Alex W. Pape
1896-1928

William L. Bush
1897-1933

Adolph Dunker
1898-1926

Peter H. Freudenberg
1899-1957

Con A. Keniff
1899-1941

Robert Ohea Sr.
1899-1943

Leo D. Weinand
1901-1940

August A. Bertrand
1902-1947

Thomas W. Harris
1902-1950

George W. Bauer
1903-1950

Hugh K. McKevitt
1903-1951

George C. Thompson
1903-1942

Timothy V. O'Brien
1904-1933

Dario L. Perrone
1904-1951

John S. Phillips
1904-1937

Dr. Abraham W. Ward
1904-1973

Patrick F. Flynn
1906-1957

Dave Crowley
1907-1958

Alex C. "Al" Hagedorn
1907-1949

Dr. Eugene M. McKevitt
1907-1948

Guido A. Ghiselli
1909-1955

Hector J. Giuntini
1909-1976

Dr. John G. Harrington
1909-1951

Charles R. Hoffmann
1909-1953

Raymond Pygeorge
1909-1956

Romeo "Rocca" Roccatagliata
1909-1976

Jerome B. White
1909-1972

Ernest J. Berges
1910-1948

Frank C. Bordenave
1910-1961

Thomas Castberg
1910-1966

Henry Kanter
1910-1960

Ralph S. Mackay
1910-1971

William Giovannoni Sr.
1911-1973

Clarence E. "Kewpie" Kiernan
1911-1949

William M. Ringen
1911-1954

Willis B. Brinker
1912-1959

Louis A. DeLucchi
1912-1961

Walter I. Descalso
1912-1940

Dr. Guido J. Pera
1912-1975

Roy T. Bauer
1913-1955

Michael Desmond Sr.
1913-1948

Sydney Foster
1913-1973

Herbert Derham
1914-1966

Paul T. Giovannoni
1915-1965

John F. Lyons
1915-1973

Albert E. Oliva
1915-1973

Chris Sarantis
1915-1954

Charles A. "Bud" Sterling
1915-1967

James A. Finlayson
1916-1965

Noel Sullivan
1916-1956

Meyer Gorfinkel
1917-1944

Walter "Wally" Smith
1917-1978

William L. Peoples
1918-1985

James Raggio
1918-1977

Virgil L. DeMartini
1919-1961

Elmer C. Gunther
1919-1987

Marcus J. Hein
1919-1979

Lawton C. Hughes
1919-1982

Elmer H. Kehrlein
1919-1970

Charles A. Ackerland
1920-1958

James E. Albert
1920-1955

Chester L. Dechent
1920-1990

Richard Harms
1920-1991

Carl H. Ludemann
1920-1991

Alex X. McCausland
1920-1977

Theodore M. Monell
1920-1966

Dr. Byron E. Van Alstyne
1920-1974

Paul F. DeMartini
1921-1957

Leslie C. Hendry
1921-1984

George E. McMillan
1921-1972

James Jerome Cronin
1923-1993

Timothy J. Hart
1923-1958

Edmond J. Ramari
1923-1971

Roger P. "Joe" Giovannoni
1924-1963

LeRoy M. Clark
1925-1967

James C. Flannery
1925-1975

George A. Gore
1925-1962

John L. "Jack" Lewin
1925-1973

Gerald W. Murray
1925-

Thomas R. Troneum
1925-1985

Jack A. Cronin
1926-1956

Henry A. Perry
1926-1957

Charles Sava
1926-1983

Julius L. Chicca
1927-1983

Angelo J. "Andy" Demo
1927-1984

Louis Blumenthal
1928-1981

Emilio A. Cicerone
1928-1978

John F. Demartini
1928-1969

Raymond J. Schinkel
1928-

Rinaldo E. "Jake" Toschi
1928-1971

Russell E. Channing
1929-1966

Edward Dollard Jr.
1929-1962

Albert P. Hahn
1929-1992

Dr. Lawrence Ludwigsen
1929-1980

Dr. Howard J. Mallon
1929-1960

Kenneth H. McIssac
1929-1980

Virgil Anderson
1930-

Andrew B. Dunne
1930-1981

James Fitzpatrick
1930-1976

Joseph M. Gelardi
1930-1988

Timothy J. O'Shea
1930-1967

Pasquale "Paul" Silvester
1930-

Constantine F. "Tex" Alexander
1931-1993

Peter Lucchesi
1931-1984

William E. Mahood
1931-1966

John Sabatto
1931-1963

Andre "Andy" Camous
1932-

Gino Lucchesi
1932-

Joseph Bruno
1933-

Robert F. Oakley
1933-1986

Hector M. Stephen
1933-1983

Eugene "Duke" Chelini
1934-1973

Dominic J. Garassino
1934-1989

Don J. Baggiani
1935-

Clement "Duke" Dupuis
1935-

Dino Landucci Sr.
1935-

Clifford Quist
1935-

Dick C. Schroeder
1935-1989

Matthew D'Angelo
1936-1986

Michael Desmond Jr.
1936-1994

Gus Gelardi
1936-

Salvatore J. Lucia
1936-1989

Robert E. Denke
1937-1963

Herman Weinstein
1937-1977

Arnold P. "Pete" Campana
1938-

Frederick W. Herms
1938-

Leo LaRocca
1938-

Einar A. Pearson
1938-1981

Mike Scafani
1938-

Lester Spiegelman
1938-1992

Anthony "Nino" LaRocca
1939-1994

Thomas A. DiMaggio
1940-1980

Antone Gelardi
1940-

Frank A. Inferrera
1940-1983

Albert S. Liva
1940-

Sal J. Sancimino
1940-1989

Peter J. Sturiale
1940-

Dominic Anzalone
1941-1975

Frank Mennucci
1941-

August Perlite
1941-1986

Thomas F. Barrett
1942-1981

Carlo Corda
1942-

William F. Campbell
1943-1981

Louis Dalgero
1943-1980

Carl Luders
1944-1972

John B. Sargis
1944-

Joseph Weiss
1944-1987

Arthur A. Cardenas
1945-1986

Pasquale "Pat" Gelardi
1945-

Roland W. Demarais
1946-

Elmer R. Hubacher
1946-

Anthony "Scotty" Tarantino
1946-1987

Elwayne C. "Wayne" Alexander
1947-

Leonard P. Gelardi
1947-1991

Jerry Hawryluk
1947-1981

Robert G. Nielsen
1947-

George L. DeGear
1948-

Dino Landucci Jr.
1948-

Emilio "Horse" Massucco
1948-1988

Walt Schneebeli
1948-

Harry R. Fields
1949-1980

Vincent "Little Vince" LaRocca
1949-

James L. Morino
1949-

Ignatius Passantino
1950-

John R. Duignan
1951-

Roy E. Hooper
1951-

Joseph J. Orlando
1951-

Rudolph J. Capriotti
1952-

Stephen J. Gaal
1952-1977

Raymond E. Ray
1952-

Winchester P. "Chet" Wing
1952-1987

Roger C. Gaal
1953-

Raphael "Ray" Belluomini
1954-

Joaquin Claveria
1954-1988

Aldo J. Cuneo
1954-

Edward Curtis
1954-

Robert L. Demo
1954-

Philip L. Gaal
1954-

Charles Korelec
1954-

Paul J. Melee
1954-

William T. O'Brien
1954-

Rico J. "Moon" Passanisi
1954-

Charles Yeager
1954-

Salvatore Cannizzaro
1955-

Vincent F. Cannizzaro
1955-

Edward DeCossio Sr.
1955-1982

Kenneth J. Gaal
1956-

Dr. Stephen A. Gaal
1956-

Louis Gallic
1956-

Thomas H. Gould
1956-

Thomas W. White
1956-

Dominic J. Cannizzaro
1957-

Edward F. DeCossio Jr.
1957-

David A. Hinton
1957-

James Vanya
1957-

Robert M. Cervarich
1958-

Frank C. Drum
1958-1992

Daniel A. Murphy
1958-1990

William E. Pfirter
1958-

Frank T. Blackburn
1959-

Rudolph DeMay
1959-

Howard D. Hall
1959-1994

Lino Scrivant
1959-

Paul Adrian
1960-1988

Humbert "Bert" Arias
1960-1986

Ted Connelly
1960-

Gordon S. Cook
1960-1985

Bob Hoff
1960-

Herbert G. Jackson
1960-1991

Hans Kramer
1960-1989

Edgar L. Luyken
1960-

Byron M. Van Alstyne
1960-

Richard J. Fossat
1961-

Benjamin Joseph
1961-

Robert Katurich
1961-

Patrick E. Kelly
1961-

Daniel R. Osborne
1961-

Zach R. Stewart
1961-

Donald P. Warto
1961-

Peter G. Bianucci
1962-

Lewis E. Cook Jr.
1962-

Pierre Hathaway
1962-

Philip E. Rourke
1962-

Patrick Clancy
1963-

William W. Greer
1963-1990

William F. Walden
1963-

Allie A. Bogart
1964-

Gerald C. Cullen
1964-

Renato Piombi
1964-

John Davis
1965-

Conrad Liberty
1965-

Lou Marcelli
1965-

Thomas Robb
1965-

Walt Stack
1965-1995

Charles Wildberger
1965-

Hall Templeton
1966-1992

Joe Abbott
1967-

Paul Kanstoroom
1967-

Don Kiernan
1967-

Ray Pastene
1967-

Brian Gilbert
1968-

Bill Powning
1968-

Chuck Stagliano
1968-

Walt Thurman
1968-

William Harlan
1969-

Harry Cordellos
1970-

Joseph Giacomini
1970-

Stanley Hlynsky
1970-

Jack Bettencourt
1970-

Murray Alstott
1970-

Second date indicates year of death

San Francisco Bay Needs You

By Krist Jake

Delphinidae family members are attuned to their environment, and we human Dolphins are certainly no different. Our interactions with the San Francisco Bay environment result in the familiar locker room talk about tides, water temperature, clarity, turbidity, flotsam, etc.

Fundamentally, Bay water conditions depend on the ocean waters that come and go with the tides and the amount and quality of the freshwater flows from the streams and rivers that terminate in the Bay. Over the years, water flows into the Bay have been significantly reduced in order to address the needs of agribusiness and other interests. Additionally, San Francisco Bay is continuously exposed to degradation by oil spills, runoff, illegal discharges, dredging and dumping. Finally, identifiable development projects present additional hazards.*

Simply stated, California's growth and urbanization have impacted the Bay and remain a constant threat to the Bay and its health. For the Bay to have any chance of reasonable health, concerned citizens need to be involved. Dolphin Club members experience the Bay firsthand and appreciate that a healthy Bay is both a recreational and a cultural resource. Since Dolphins place great value on a healthy Bay, it's clear Dolphins should be involved with or otherwise support efforts on behalf of the Bay!

**For example, planned San Francisco waterfront building projects and increased human activity threaten to impact our urban swimming experience. A current project is a major expansion of Pier 45, which is just on the other side of the Hyde Street Pier. The Dolphin Club needs members to attend public meetings and speak up; to volunteer for this effort, leave your name and a short note in Vice President Ken Coren's mailbox.*

A good forum for your involvement could be as a volunteer for a non-profit organization that targets Bay water quality issues. There are many that have efforts underway, ranging from national organizations like the Sierra Club to more narrowly focused efforts like the San Francisco BayKeeper. Beyond the objective of looking out for your swimming and boating experiences and our Club's interests, there can be personal satisfaction from one's involvement in community, environmental, or other charitable endeavors.

In the interest of encouraging your participation in the issues that impact San Francisco Bay, I've included a table of selected environmental organizations. Your energy and skills would be greatly appreciated by any organization listed. And you truly will feel better when you participate in the process of helping San Francisco Bay be healthy and hospitable to all forms of aquatic life!

Environmental organizations focusing on the San Francisco Bay-Estuary

- ***BayKeeper***
 Building A, Fort Mason Center,
 San Francisco, CA 94123
 415-567-4401

 Bay area chapter began in 1989, one of fifteen in the nation. Engages in high visibility, on-the-water grassroots enforcement program that seeks to detect, investigate, and deter violation of environmental laws that protect water quality.
 Mission: To protect, preserve and enhance the resources and health of the ecosystems and communities in the Bay-Delta region.
 Volunteer Needs & Opportunities: On the water: boat patrols and boat maintenance. In the office: phone work, office work and computer consulting. To volunteer, contact John Payne.

- ***San Francisco Estuary Institute***
 1325 South 46th Street
 Richmond, CA 94804
 510-231-9539

 Established to coordinate and evaluate research on the pollution in the San Francisco Bay and Delta. Also has developed a program to provide educators and the general public with resources on the Estuary. Formerly the Aquatic Habitat Institute.
 Mission: To provide the scientific understanding needed to manage competing uses of the complex and biologically rich San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary.
 Volunteer Needs & Opportunities: Education interns will help coordinate their annual conference held in November, and work on "Kids in Creeks" workshops. Volunteers will help develop a comprehensive Watershed Awareness Program in the San Leandro Creek Watershed. Need creative, flexible individuals with good communications skills. Knowledge of MAC helpful but not necessary. Background in sciences, environmental issues, education, marketing or journalism is desired. Contact Jessica Fiorillo or Julia Crawford to volunteer.

- ***Save San Francisco Bay Association, Inc.***
 1736 Franklin Street, 3rd Floor
 Oakland, CA 94612
 San Francisco, CA 94123
 510-452-9261

Established 1968. Focus on San Francisco Bay issues including public access, wetlands protection and restoration, bayfill and open space. 24,000 members. Positioned as the only organization which works only on Bay issues and on all major issues affecting the Bay.
Mission: To restore and protect the San Francisco Bay by protecting water quality, habitat, public access, and educating the public on the importance of these resources
Volunteer Needs & Opportunities: Office volunteers for filing, organizing and some research. Contact Devorah Signer to volunteer.

- ***The Bay Institute of San Francisco***
 625 Grand Ave., Suite 250
 San Rafael, CA 94901
 415-721-7680

Focus on freshwater flows issues and California water policy, primarily through research and advocacy. 8000 members and foundation support.
Mission: Dedicated to the protection and restoration of the ecosystems of San Francisco Bay, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and the rivers, streams, and watersheds tributary to the estuary.
Volunteer Needs & Opportunities: Volunteer activities include: public outreach, education, corporate outreach, fundraising, development, research and office internships. Skills needed: outreach, fundraising, advocacy and research. To volunteer, please contact Karen Losee.

Selected national organizations interested in San Francisco Bay related issues

- ***Center for Marine Conservation***
 580 Market Street, Suite 550
 San Francisco, CA 94104
 415-391-6204

Founded 1972, 120,000 members nationwide.
Mission: Dedicated to the protection of endangered marine wildlife and their habitats.
Volunteer Needs & Opportunities: Attending Bay area environmental events and distributing educational materials. Writing, editing and layout of newsletter. Assist with legislative activities. Computer consulting. Coordinate annual beach cleanup, this year on September 16th. Help in office. To volunteer, contact Marina Lindsay.

- ***Citizens for a Better Environment***
 500 Howard Street, Suite 506
 San Francisco, CA 94105
 415-243-8373

Began in 1986. Uses community organizing and empowerment strategies to assist the low income communities and people of color that are on the front lines of the toxic assault. Membership based with funding by foundations and lawsuit fee reimbursement.
Mission: To transform a vision of a healthy, sustainable future into effective advocacy and citizen action that prevents pollution and reduces environmental health hazards in urban communities.
Volunteer Needs & Opportunities: Research, legal community organizing, newsletter, MAC proficient. Contact Denny Larson to volunteer.

- ***Natural Resources Defense Council***
 71 Stevenson Street
 San Francisco, CA 94105
 415-777-0220

Founded 1970, national. 170,000 members, staff of more than 100 attorneys, scientists and educators.
Mission: Dedicated to protecting the Earth: its people, plants, animals and the natural systems on which all life depends.
Volunteer Needs & Opportunities: For specific administrative projects, fundraising and events. Depending on skills and interest, can use clerical assistance, donor and periodical research, database management, library maintenance, event preparation and staffing. To volunteer, call Corrina Kweskin.

Other selected Non-Profits of possible interest to Dolphins

- ***California Academy of Sciences***
 Golden Gate Park
 San Francisco, CA 94118
 415-750-7116

World class natural science research institution and museum. Home of Steinhardt Aquarium, first in North America.
Volunteer Needs & Opportunities: All kinds. Docent work for adults or children, research work with scientists, etc. Contact Rosalind Henning at 415-750-7154 to volunteer.

- ***National Maritime Museum Association***
 Bldg. #275, Crissy Field
 Presidio of San Francisco
 San Francisco, CA 94129
 415-929-0202

The only citizen's support group for San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park. 2000+ members.
Mission: Private non-profit dedicated to maritime preservation and education in order to enhance public understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of our national maritime heritage.
Volunteer Needs & Opportunities: Anything to do with boats and then some. Can work on ships, in the library, small boat shop and association office. Sail the Alma, fix steam engines, help on newletter or magazine, etc. Sponsors a docent training program. To volunteer, call Diane Cooper and Revell Carr at 415-556-1871.

DOLPHIN CLUB PANORAMIC PHOTO
July 9th @ 11:00 a.m.

Dolphin Swim Statistics

November 24 — February 12, 1995

Thanksgiving Day Cove

November 24, 1994

1. Liam Hennesey 10:30
2. Chris Kelly 11:05
3. Peter Drino 11:44
4. Eric Mellinger 12:24
5. George Kebbe 12:25
6. Dan Osborne 12:36
7. Larry Scroggins 12:39
7. Barnaby Payne 12:39
8. Mike Webb 12:46
8. Janice Schultz 12:46
8. Mark O'Hara 12:46
8. Kate Coleman 12:46
9. Phil Rollins 12:52
9. Tom Hoffman 12:52
10. Kelly Flynn 13:01
11. Fred Johnson 13:01
12. Greg Tuerk 13:50
13. Mike Brody 14:12
14. Gina Bianucci 14:20
15. Joni Beemsterboer 14:40
16. Liz Ann Schiff 14:49
16. Susan Anson 14:49
17. Lee Hammack 14:52
18. Monica Towers 15:06
19. Dave Copeland 15:17
20. Kevin Hartnett 15:35
21. Carter Seddon 15:51
22. Pam Stillwagon 15:52
23. Krist Jake 15:56
24. Mary Verdon 16:30
25. Bill Callahan 16:42
26. Barbara Keller 16:55
26. Marcia Grimm 16:55
27. Joe Cowan 17:10
28. Era Osibe 17:42
29. Eric Robertson 18:04
30. John Conti 18:06
31. Lindsay Casablanca ... 18:18
32. Jim Vanya 18:30
33. Pete Bianucci 19:04
34. Keith Weaver 19:25
35. Rudy DeMay 20:10
36. Sarah Mcluskey 20:13
37. Will Powning 20:21
38. Mimi Osborne 21:17
39. Gary Ersham 21:29
40. David Broadbear 24:37
41. Steve North 24:50
42. Bill Powning 30:30

Dolphin/South End New Year's Day Alcatraz

January 1, 1995

1. Suzanne Heim 28:05
2. John Selmer 30:38
3. Bill Eason 30:45
4. Laura Burtch 32:16
5. John Davies 32:26
6. Alex Johnston 33:28
7. Steve Walker 33:43
8. Liam Hennessey 34:20
9. Eric Larson 34:46
10. Tim Reid 35:05
10. Peter Drino 35:05
11. Jon Nakamura 35:41
12. Rick Barthels 35:48
13. Larry Kean 36:41
14. George Kebbe 36:56
15. Chris Kelly 37:26
16. David Kilmartin 37:28
17. Laura Merkl 38:38
18. Mickey Lavelle 39:06
19. Kelly Flynn 39:12
19. Mike Webb 39:12
20. Leanne Tung 39:49
21. Laura Randall 39:51
22. Eric Mellinger 39:53
23. Steve Zahm 39:54
24. Ed Urban 40:51
25. C. V. Blankenburg 41:02
26. Kevin O'Keefe 41:08
27. Larry Scroggins 41:10
28. Kate Coleman 41:12
29. Steve Driggers 42:30
30. Krist Jake 42:32
31. Matt Sheridan 43:08
32. Mark O'Hara 43:14
33. Dave Deasy 43:34
34. Bonnie Winn 43:53
35. Tom Linthicum 43:55
36. Andy Field 44:33
37. Hunter Wessels 45:34
38. Terces Duet 45:43
39. Mike Raifsnider 45:50
40. Simone Renault 47:21
41. Bill Horgos 47:29
42. Steve Gray 47:38
43. Laurey Grieder 47:56
44. Allison Coen 47:57
45. Kristen Scott 48:19
46. Dan Macchiarini 48:22
47. Peter Neubauer 48:31
48. Susan Anson 48:36
49. Chris Trotta 49:00
50. Jeff Woodhead 49:20
51. Bruce Armbruster 51:52
52. Judy Irving 51:54
53. Ken Coren 52:44
54. Barbara Keller 53:23
55. Mike Lagois 54:31
56. Jim Grant 54:38
57. Courtney Clarkson 55:46
58. Mike Lynch 56:42
59. Rocky Muzzin 59:41
60. Bill Callahan 65:47

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1. Mike Laramie 33:56
2. Laura Lent 36:25
3. John Newlin 43:40
4. John Rohosky 47:07
5. Judi Shaffer 50:09
6. Bob Isaacson 50:16

New Year's Day Cove

January 1, 1995

1. Dan Osborne 13:03
2. Janice Shultz 13:32
3. Gina Rus 13:57
4. David Zovickian 14:13
5. Nancy Friedman 14:27
6. Lorna Newlin 14:37
7. Joni Beemsterboer 14:47
8. Lee Hamack 15:07
9. Barry Christian 15:39
10. Mary Vernon 15:45
11. Kevin Hartnett 15:53
12. Tony DuComb 16:07
13. Jackie Meravich 16:16
14. Sue Garfield 16:17
15. Jeff Ranta 16:23
16. Mag Donaldson 17:37
17. Era Osibe 17:38
18. Herb Madden 18:09
19. Gary Ersham 19:02
20. Keith Weaver 19:45
21. Will Powning 20:51
22. Joan Bard 20:56
23. Mimi Osborne 21:28
24. Bob McKenzie 21:42
25. Phil Kohlenberg 21:43
26. Jim Vanya 22:27
27. David Broadbear 24:14
28. Steve North 25:30
29. Bill Powning 30:01

The Z - Man Cove

February 12, 1995

1. Laura Burtch 15:33
2. John Selmer 15:35
3. Steve Walker 16:17
4. Jon Nakamura 16:57
5. Mickey Lavelle 17:03
6. Jim Mason 17:21
7. Laura Merkl 17:52
8. Dave Zovickian 18:18
9. Phil Rollins 18:58
10. Dan Osborne 19:31
11. David Shutt 19:47
12. Krist Jake 19:50
13. Celeste McMullin 20:00
14. Tina Scott 21:03
15. Phil Reiff 21:05
16. Joni Beemsterboer 21:12
17. Liz Ann Schiff 21:27
18. Vince Huang 21:39
19. Susan Anson 21:44
20. Nancy Friedman 21:45
21. Michael Lord 21:50
22. Lee Hammack 22:03
23. Lorna Newlin 22:42
24. John Hornor 22:52
25. Vortek C. 22:58
26. Jackie Merovich 23:06
27. Dave Copeland 23:25
28. Jerry Cullen 23:54
29. Barbara Keller 23:58
30. Suzie Dods 24:15
31. Nancy Hornor 24:18
32. Bill Callahan 24:25
33. Mary Sancimino 25:02
34. Pete Bianucci 26:51
35. Linda Righetti 27:33
36. Tony Du Comb 28:10
37. Gary Ersham 30:00
38. Bill Powning 49:52

Spring Cove

March 25, 1995

1. Becky Fenson 13:46
2. Laura Burtch 16:07
3. James Mason 16:38
4. Chris Kelly 16:42
5. Eric Colberg 18:27
6. Suzie Dods 18:54
7. Pete Neubauer 20:49
8. David Shutt 20:56
9. Mark Richard 21:33
10. Phil Reiff 22:02
11. Signe Copeland 23:26
12. Susan Cobb 23:50
13. J. Beemsterboer 24:01
14. Tom Allen 24:25
15. Ken Frank 24:44
16. Roger Kleid 25:07
17. Hal Cranston 25:13
18. George Gara 25:46
19. David Copeland 26:17
20. Mary Verdon 26:40
21. Leslie Callan 27:00
22. Bill Callahan 28:54
23. Sandy Dean 30:41
24. Rudy DeMay 31:37
25. Keith Weaver 37:37

Dolphin Club Swimming & Boating Club
Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon
October 24, 1993

		Swim	Bike	Run	Total
1.	Vince Fausone	44:29	51:16	2:10:40	3:46:25
2.	Jeff Gunderson	37:16	58:14	2:20:58	3:56:28
3.	Nick Payne	37:30	51:10	2:19:42	3:58:22
4.	Chris Chorak	36:04	44:11	2:43:27	4:03:42
5.	John Kaplanis	39:47	45:41	2:39:49	4:05:27
6.	Chris Kelly	35:23	50:32	2:41:49	4:07:44
7.	Mike Laramie	45:55	46:50	2:48:04	4:20:44
8.	Mike Webb	40:10	50:40	2:54:01	4:24:51
9.	Gerald O'Dwyer	49:47	52:53	2:44:24	4:27:04
10.	Andy Field	42:38	53:12	3:00:40	4:36:30
11.	Clint Copeland	46:04	54:36	3:00:40	4:41:17
12.	Matt Davis	48:54	49:56	3:02:34	4:41:24
13.	Keith Nowell	47:53	58:25	2:56:11	4:42:29
14.	Bruce Minkiwicz	57:20	54:40	2:54:02	4:45:46
15.	Dave Rich	36:36	50:04	3:19:22	4:46:02
16.	Jon Nakamura	34:24	52:18	3:20:38	4:47:20
17.	Bert Huffman	45:21	49:33	3:16:46	4:51:40
18.	Celia DeMartini	45:01	52:11	3:15:16	4:52:28
19.	Ken Coren	47:55	58:22	3:07:08	4:53:24
20.	Richard Haynes	55:10	52:00	3:15:35	5:02:45
21.	Dave Blende	47:02	59:28	3:35:21	5:21:51
22.	Charles Barry	41:03	1:00:07	3:41:39	5:22:49
23.	Jeff Woodhead	57:47	1:14:35	3:17:30	5:29:52
24.	Janice Schultz	41:29	1:05:30	3:46:05	5:33:04
25.	Mike Lagois	48:39	54:31	3:53:22	5:36:22
26.	Bill Callahan	57:18	1:04:54	3:35:28	5:38:40
27.	Mary Cantini	54:27	1:09:28	3:46:35	5:50:31
28.	Eric Grodeman	44:18	1:03:50	4:13:37	6:01:45
29.	Sallie Olsen	49:53	1:10:27	4:02:29	6:02:49
30.	Pete Neubauer	47:21	1:07:59	4:17:05	6:12:25
31.	Barry Christian	48:35	1:06:55	4:18:00	6:13:30
32.	Judy Irving	56:30	1:16:35	4:07:10	6:20:15
33.	Warren Welter	55:43	1:10:02	4:21:05	6:26:50
34.	Lisa Smith	47:12	1:00:13	4:42:55	6:30:20
35.	Tom Callinan	52:13	1:03:12	4:42:17	6:37:42
36.	Karen Drucker	39:05	1:07:11	4:54:21	6:40:37
37.	Jim Grant	55:44	51:41	5:12:34	6:59:59

1993 Relay Teams

Team	Swim	Bike	Run	Total
1.				**3:20:54**
Diane Abel	31:37			
Peggy Lavelle		41:24		
Diarmuid MacNeil			2:07:53	
2.				**4:30:06**
Todd Oppenheimer	36:44			
Todd Oppenheimer		44:59		
Margaret Curtis			3:03:23	
3.				**4:40:16**
Norm Peterson	55:24			
Ray Minkel		47:26		
Pat Cunneen			2:57:21	
4.				**4:59:20**
Billy Wilson	47:31			
Don Birrer		47:39		
Jim McGowan			3:24:10	
5.				**5:04:00**
Tina Scott	46:20			
Patty Mullen		1:41:12		
Patty Mullen/Tina Scott			3:22:48	
6.				**5:45:39**
Raymond Zahwd	47:50			
John Gregson		1:06:57		
John Gregson			3:50:52	

Dolphin Swimming & Boating Club
Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon
October 29, 1994

		Swim	Bike	Run	Total
1.	Vince Fausone	41:05	49:00	2:09:00	3:39:05
2.	Chris Kelly	37:00	46:05	2:18:00	3:41:05
3.	Suzanne Heim	29:19	53:00	2:24:00	3:46:19
4.	Peggy Lavelle	43:06	48:00	2:16:00	3:47:22
5.	Clint Copeland	41:22	52:00	2:33:00	4:06:22
6.	Eric Mellinger	40:48	56:00	2:33:00	4:09:48
7.	Greg Tuerk	41:49	51:11	2:40:00	4:13:00
8.	Jeff Woodhead	46:13	49:47	2:41:00	4:17:00
9.	Matt Davis	48:51	46:09	2:45:00	4:20:00
10.	Mike Laramie	44:20	52:40	2:50:00	4:27:00
11.	Alan Calder	41:57	52:03	2:55:00	4:29:00
12.	Mike Webb	39:55	51:05	3:06:00	4:37:00
13.	John Selmer	32:48	58:00	3:10:00	4:40:48
14.	Gerald O'Dwyer	1:01:10	54:50	2:55:00	4:51:00
15.	Andy Field	44:02	58:58	3:12:00	4:54:00
16.	Keith Nowell	48:40	1:18:20	2:48:00	4:55:00
16.	Barry Christian	53:00	1:07:00	2:55:00	4:55:00
17.	Tom Callinan	46:57	55:03	3:20:00	5:02:00
18.	Janice Schultz	42:26	1:01:34	3:21:00	5:05:00
19.	Caden Gray	56:08	1:22:52	2:27:00	5:06:00
20.	Jon Nakamura	35:26	52:34	3:39:00	5:07:00
21.	David Blende	47:28	57:32	3:30:00	5:15:00
22.	Nick Strelchuk	1:05:45	1:00:15	3:10:00	5:16:0
23.	Stan Hlynsky	53:10	1:08:50	3:20:00	5:22:00
24.	Bill Callahan	1:01:48	1:06:12	3:16:00	5:24:00
25.	Mike Southworth	48:20	1:21:40	3:22:00	5:32:00
26.	Rory Moore	1:04:55	1:10:05	3:20:00	5:35:00
27.	Lorna Newlin	46:05	1:10:00	3:40:00	5:36:05
28.	Mike Lagios	51:33	55:273	:50:00	5:37:00
29.	John Sweeney	1:15:32	1:36:28	3:17:00	6:09:00
29.	Krist Jake	43:27	1:23:33	4:02:00	6:09:00
30.	Warren Welter	1:00:28	1:19:32	3:52:00	6:12:00
31.	Pete Neubauer	47:41	1:05:00	4:29:00	6:21:41
32.	John Newlin	1:09:22	1:14:38	4:06:00	6:30:00
33.	Judy Shaffer	55:30	1:20:30	4:15:00	6:31:00
33.	Laura Lent	49:20	1:34:40	4:07:00	6:31:00
34.	Jim Grant	1:02:55	1:38:05	DNF	Stinson

1994 Relay Team

Team	Swim	Bike	Run	Total
1.				**3:14:18**
Diane Abel	31:18			
Mark Ontiveros		37:0		
Diarmuid MacNeil			2:06:00	
2.				**4:10:05**
Todd Oppenheimer	39:05			
Todd Oppenheimer		50:00		
Margaret Curtis			2:41:00	

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Team	Swim	Bike	Run	Total
3.				**4:13:39**
Vince Huang	47:39			
Vine Huang		47:00		
Kellie Sheehan			2:39:00	
4				**4:46:00**
Pedro Ordenes	51:02			
Bart Hoffman		42:58		
Linda Del Vecchio			3:12:00	
5.				**4:49:00**
Terces Dugt	42:26			
Rick Driemer		50:34		
Rick Driemer			3:17:00	
6.				**5:01:00**
Tina Scott	45:35			
Patty Mullen		54:25		
Patty Mullen			3:21:00	
7.				**5:57:00**
Eduardo Barranco	46:46			
Ann Tingley		1:02:14		
Ann Tingley			4:08:00	
8.				**6:39:00**
Susan Allen	39:26			
Mag Donaldson		54:34		
Stu Etzler			5:05:00	
9.				**6:40:00**
Nancy Friedman	46:46			
Peter Butler		2:03:14		
Peter Butler			3:50:00	

Door Prize Donors 1994 Swim Dinner

Special thanks to the following businesses and members who generously contributed so greatly to last year's Banquet.

Hard Rock Cafe — Tom Allen
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be available, for a nominal charge. The Memorial Day tournament attracts the best players from the whole western United States region, and starts on Friday evening, May 26, with the finals on Monday, May 29th. There will be a "no host bar" and food available for a nominal charge. Both tournaments feature doubles competition and are always exciting events to attend. The South End Rowing Club will host the games, and all Dolphin Club members are welcome to watch the competition and join in the festivities.

—George Brennan
Handball Commissioner

Lake Merced Rowing

Did you know that the Dolphin Club maintains a boathouse out at Lake Merced? Found below the cafe called the "The Boathouse," you will find an assortment of single and double sculls. The calm waters of the lake provide a different rowing experience. For information on rowing training at our Lake Merced Clubhouse, call Heinz Wichelhaus at 387-6143.

From the Editors

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of the Dolphin Log is June 15, 1995. We know there are many aspiring and established artists alike among our membership...we want to reach out to you. Feel free to contribute a story, ideas, photos, drawings, sketches, cartoons or archives that you think would be of interest to Dolphins. Leave your material in our box in the Staib Room, mail it to the Dolphin Club care of the editors, or approach us in person.

Rowing News

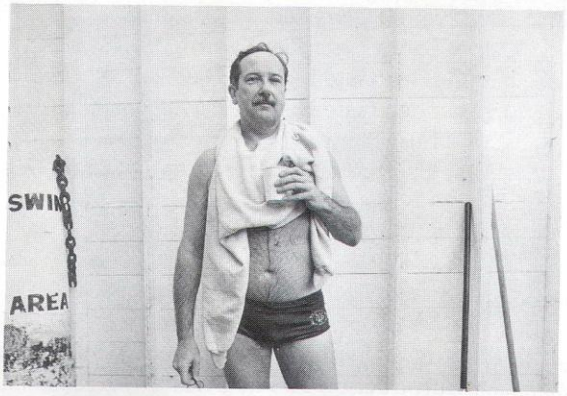
There is a new "250 Nautical Mile" Row mileage charts incorporating last month's rowing class located below the 365 Mile Swim chart.

Upcoming Monster rows....Speak with Rowing Commissioner, Ken Frank for further info...

- Sacramento Row, June 24, 25 and 26, departing @ 0512.
- Petaluma Row, October 14 and 15, departing @ 0630.

Rowing History Now Available

A SouthEnder-authored book entitled *Club Rowing on San Francisco Bay, 1869-1939, Featuring the South End Rowing Club* is now available. 132 pages in length, the book includes several photos of the Dolphin Club and documents the development of Aquatic Park from our rowing and swimming clubs' perspective. Boat races from the 1870s - 1930s and the waterfront color of old San Francisco make this a very unique work. The cost is $25.00. Call the author, Bill Pickelhaupt, at 586-9349, for a copy.



1995 Election Results

Officers

	Yes	No	
President			
Jon Nakamura	384	9	
Vice President			
Ken Coren	361	5	
Recording Secretary			
Matt Sheridan	349	9	
Treasurer			
Lorna Newlin	360	8	
Financial Secretary			
Meg Fitzgerald	285		Elected
Neil Hartnett	134		
Boat House Captain			
Al de la Peña	223		Elected
Jeremy West	190		

Board Of Governors

	Yes	No
Daniel Osborne	346	14
Meg Reily	313	19
Suzie Dods	299	20
Pat North	297	25
Stan Hlynsky	295	79
Laura Burtch	294	27
David Copeland	265	12
Nancy Friedman	256	23
Mag Donaldson	250	32

Yoga Now Taught on Tuesdays and Fridays

Yoga classes are now held on Tuesdays, in addition to the Friday class. A pair of classes, one at 7:00 a.m. and the other at 8:30 a.m., are held on Tuesdays. The classes offer an excellent way to soothe your sore muscles from too much swimming, rowing and handball. Check it out.

Letter to the Editors

I read the article on the Golden Gate Bridge in the last issue of the *Dolphin Log* with interest. After the Golden Gate swim of late summer '93, I wrote the following reflection in my journal:

"The Gate is a reminder of many things. For inmates of Alcatraz it was a symbol of freedom; to many who enter the States for the first time, it is a symbol of hope; for those returning home by sea, a symbol of love.

Those "odd fellows and women" who crossed the span under the bridge via water (and not on a boat) created for me—on that clear golden day—a kind of symphony, the orchestra being swimmers flailing away in a kind of joyful ode to life. For me, then, the Gate represents not a diminishment of life but an enlargement of it."

—Sandy Lehmkuhl

1995 Swim Schedule

Pending Coast Guard Approval

- Date -	- Event -	- Jump-Off -
Dec. 21, 1994 (Wednesday)	*Polar Bear Swim Starts*	
January 1 *(Sunday)*	New Year's Day Cove	09:00
January 1 *(Sunday)*	❁ New Year's Day Alcatraz	TBA
January 1 *(Sunday)*	*365 Mile Swim Starts*	
January 29 *(Sunday)*	❁ Mid-Winter Gas House Cove	08:00
February 12 *(Sunday)*	Mid-Winter Cove	09:00
March 21 (Tuesday)	*Polar Bear Swim Ends*	
March 25 *(Saturday)*	Spring Cove	09:00
April 22 *(Saturday)*	❁ Pier 41	09:30
April 30 *(Sunday)*	❁ Dick Beeler Crazy Cove	09:00
May 13 *(Saturday)*	❁ Yacht Harbor	08:00
May 21 *(Sunday)*	❁ Pier 39	09:00
June 1 (Thursday)	*100 Mile Swim Starts*	
June 11 *(Sunday)*	❁ Crissy Field	08:00
June 18 *(Sunday)*	❁ Bay Bridge	08:00
June 23 *(Friday)*	❁ Twilight Cove - Pot Luck BBQ to Follow	18:00
July 9 *(Sunday)*	❁ Doc Howard - Over 45 - From Gas House Cove	08:00
July 14 *(Friday)*	❁ Twilight Pier 41- Pot Luck BBQ to Follow	18:00
July 22 *(Saturday)*	Trans Tahoe Relay	7:30
July 30 *(Sunday)*	Over 60 Cove	09:00
August 5 *(Saturday)*	❁ Santa Cruz Pier Swim	TBA
August 19 *(Saturday)*	Golden Gate I - Slow Day	TBA
August 20 *(Sunday)*	Golden Gate II - Fast Day	TBA
August 26 *(Saturday)*	❁ Fort Point	09:00
September 3 *(Sunday)*	❁ Twilight Gas House Cove - Pot Luck BBQ to Follow	TBA
September 16 *(Saturday).*	❁ Handicap Cove	09:00
September 24 *(Sunday)*	Dolphin/South End Triathlon	TBA
Sept. 30 or Oct. 14	Alcatraz	TBA
October 29 *(Sunday)*	Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon	09:00
October 31 *(Tuesday)*	*100 Mile Swim Ends*	
November 11 *(Saturday)*	Annual Swim/Pilot Appreciation Dinner	19:00
November 19 *(Sunday)*	Introduction To Bay Swimming	09:00
November 23 *(Thursday)*	Thanksgiving Day Cove	09:00
December 17 *(Sunday)*	New Year's Day Alcatraz Qualifier	09:00
December 21 *(Thursday)*	*Polar Bear Swim Starts*	
December 31 *(Sunday)*	*365 Mile Swim Ends*	

TBA means "to be announced"

• Swim Program Rules •

1. Club scheduled swims are restricted to club members only.
2. Swimmers are required to wear fluorescent orange caps on all scheduled swims.
3. Swimmers must be members in good standing with dues current and swim fees paid.
4. New members are not eligible to swim in scheduled swims for 6 months from their membership start.
5. Out-of-cove swims are limited to 60 swimmers and may be further limited by the Swim Commission.
6. Alcatraz and Golden Gate swims are limited to 75 swimmers; Alcatraz swimmers are chosen by lottery.
7. Swim sign-up sheets are posted two weeks prior to each swim.
8. Time limits are imposed and enforced for all swims.
9. All club boats are reserved for scheduled swims; riders are prohibited.

• Additional qualifications for Alcatraz and Golden Gate Swims •

10. In-town members must successfully complete 2 swims marked with a wheel (❁) and one other scheduled swim and pilot or help on at least 2 others.
11. Out-of-town members (those residing 100+ miles from the club) must have successfully completed 2 of the last 3 club scheduled Alcatraz and/or Golden Gate swims or meet rule 10 above.
12. Once a member has qualified for Alcatraz/Golden gate swims, non-qualified members will be given priority to qualifying swims.

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Good Bye

Two Dolphin legends passed away recently. No longer with us are Dino Landucci, Sr., Dolphin member from 1935 - 1995 and Paul "Lucky" Kranstroom, Dolphin member from 1967 - 1995. Both will be sorely missed—for they were the real character of the Club.

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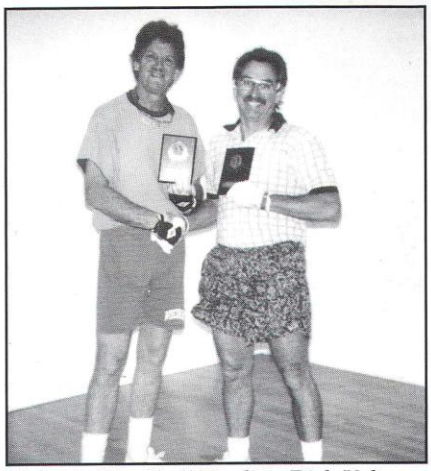
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Dolphin Handball Finalists Dick Keltner, left and Steve Zielinsky, right.

Handball News

The Dolphin Club was ably represented in the recent Cinco de Mayo Handball Tournament by top Dolphin players Dick Keltner and Steve Zielinsky. The two were finalists in the lower division competition. Both players were awarded a plaque for their outstanding effort.

Escape From Alcatraz Sunday, October 29, 1995

Once again the test of the "Escape" is yours. In the past, this event has been a success because we have had "escapees," pilots, timers, aid stations, cooks, helpers and observers.

The race starts from Alcatraz Island. All swimmers must be a member of either the Dolphin or South End Clubs for six months, wear an orange cap and be qualified to make the swim. Piloting is a good way to observe the swim. The Dolphin /South End beach is the transition area between the swim and bike. All bikers must wear a hard shell helmet. Due to Golden Gate Bridge construction work, this year we can legally go up the Crissy Field road. Old Mill Park will be the transition area from the bike to the run. Now is the time to go out with someone who knows the course to get acquainted with the do's and don'ts of the Dipsea Trail. Aid stations will be at Old Mill Park, Muir Woods, Cardiac and the turn around at Stinson Beach (Hot Dog Stand).

Following the event, we will have an awards dinner and ceremony. All helpers and participants are invited and receive a free t-shirt. Triathaletes who finish all three parts will receive a belt buckle. T-shirts will be sold off after all helpers have received their shirts. Belt buckles for individual members of relay teams can be purchased. Guests are invited for dinner for a small charge.

Mark your calendar and set sites on how you want to participate in this year's event. Call Pete Bianucci at 597-4738 with any questions. Last day for applications is October 26—*no exceptions will be made.*

Alcatraz Swim Date Set: September 30, 1995

We'll be jumping off the Rock at 10:00 a.m. for the annual Alcatraz Swim. Saturday, September 30, 1995 is the date to mark your calendars. Look for postings around the club regarding exact times for sign-ups and further information.

Parking Prohibited

Please help the Club comply with the terms of our permits with the State of California's San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)—a governmental agency

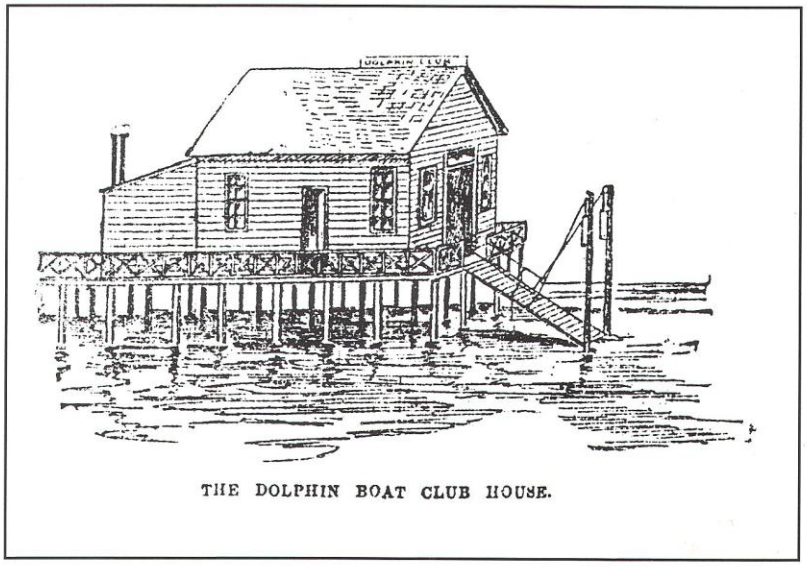
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Old Dolphin Boathouse Discovered

By Walt Schneebeli

During February of this year, I received a letter from Dolphin Keith Weaver stating that Alfred Harrison, the director and owner of the North Point Gallery had advised him in passing that the northern room of his gallery was "the old Dolphin Club boathouse," which had been "hauled up the hill" to its present location sometime in the last few decades. After recovering my composure at hearing this news, a search for subtantiation followed.

Tom Howard, a neighbor of the gallery, offered material vital to the search. He had taken a photograph of the structure prior to the construction of a tall building between his residence and the old boathouse. Currently it is impossible to get a decent photograph because of buildings in close proximity on all four sides.



THE DOLPHIN BOAT CLUB HOUSE.

In addition to the photograph, Mr. Howard gave me a script from the KCBS radio show This is San Francisco aired on October 19, 1950. The script describes 872 North Point Street as the parish house of Saint Bridgid's Church on Broadway. It goes on to say: " In the back of the patio is another old house moved first to the Union Iron Works, then to the foot of Van Ness. Later it became the boathouse for the Dolphin Rowing Club and finally was moved up two blocks to its present location."

Other research turned up the following:

Dolphin Oarsman Andy Camous recalls hearing in the 1930s from old time Dolphins Syd Foster and Jim Albert that "the old Dolphin boathouse is up on the hill!"

Furthermore, an old Dolphin Club cash book states on March 11, 1896: "Sale of old boathouse...$20.00." This old building, which was in the 1880s and 1890s located at Montgomery Avenue (now Columbus Avenue) and Beach Street and moved to its present North Point location, appears to be our old clubhouse. Early in 1896, the club moved to a newly constructed and larger building at the foot of Van Ness Avenue, which was later moved twice and ended up at its present location at the foot of Hyde and Jefferson Streets.

Currently, the front and rear structures at 872 North Point Street are up for sale. Perhaps these historic Dolphin buidings might attain the same status in the eyes of the city and be preserved.



As it stands today

Pete and Pat's Swim Report

By Swim Commissioner's Pete Bianucci and Pat North

I learn much from people in the way they meet the unknown in life and water is the great test. I am sure no adventurer nor discoverer ever lived who could not swim. Swimming cultivates imagination; the man with the most is he who can swim his solitary course night or day and forget a black earth full of people who push.

With the sun setting on the British Empire, John Selmer swam towards a rising moon, a path of light becoming ever more distinct as the western sky darkened. On August 10th, after ten hours and fifty-eight minutes, John Selmer's first attempt at crossing the English Channel ended in a victory

The swimmer as hero.

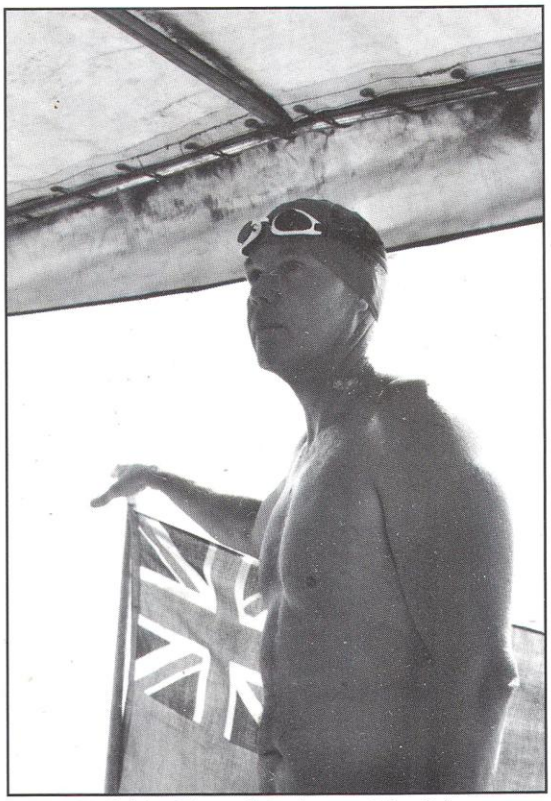
The swimmer as someone rather remote and divorced from every day life...where most of the body remains submerged and self-absorbed...appealed to the introverted and eccentric, individualists involved in a mental world of their own.

Does this sound like anyone you know?

Hearing the lilting siren's call, fifty-three "individualists" jumped from the Blue and Gold and began stroking to the east, drifting to the west, and pushing to the north, all in pursuit of Lime Rock. For some it was an exhausting struggle as with Steve North, who completed the field after one hour and twenty eight minutes in the water, while Bonnie Winn sliced through to win it at thirty four minutes and eight seconds. Fifty-three were delivered back into the Blue and Gold and, as in one of Conrad's stories about the sea, each one had a different story to tell about the same event: Victory, Joy, Defeat, Pleasure, Frustration, Beauty. The stories create a prism through which the incongruous elements somehow reflect the heart of the experience in swimming the Golden Gate.

Random Notes and Important Milestones

The Golden Gate slow-day-swimmers were treated to the bagpipes and kilts of Tom Keller playing on Lime Rock. Unfortunately, the fast-day-swimmers couldn't see Lime Rock because of the fog, but Susan Cobb, Mike DiNunzio and Mimi Osborne were ready and dressed to try and top Tom Keller's act (as of this writing, we have our fingers crossed for a re-scheduled GG on September 17th).....Women are dominating the 1995 Swim Schedule with top honors going to: Becky Fenson for the Spring Cove (a bunny hop course), Pier 41, Yacht Harbor, Crissy Field, and the Bay Bridge, Laura Burtch for the Z-Man, Dick Beeler's Crazy Cove, and Pier 39, Suzanne Heim for the New Year's Day Alcatraz and Fort Point, Monique Garvin for the Twilight Cove and Bonnie Winn for The Golden Gate.....The other dominant group are the men fifty years and older: Dan Osborne has both the New Year's Day Cove and the Over 60 under his belt and John Selmer won easily in the Doc Howard Over 45, but let's also pay tribute here to Glynn Jones, Bob Danielson, and Dan Osborne for each placing first place in their age divisions at this year's Russian River Races.....Not to be outdone, Dolphin women in the 50-54 age group at Donner Lake this year swept first, second and third places with Diane Sosnoski, Jean Howe and Kate Coleman respectively.....It seems only fitting then that these two dominating groups were represented at the 12 mile swim around Coronado Island in San Diego on Sunday, August 20th. Both



Dolphin Channel Swimmer John Selmer

Laura Burtch and John Selmer came away as National Long Distance Open Water Champions with victories in their age groups. And this only a little over a week after John had swum the Channel. Not bad for 50 years old.....Oh yeah, and then there is that group of men under 50. Tom Keller stepped out of his kilt just long enough to give them their only victory of the year in the Twilight Pier 41.....And speaking of the Swim Program, how lucky we all are to have Mimi Osborne who continually reminds us of the small details such as arranging for the watches to come back before the swim ends and getting the clipboards ready and checking to make sure all the sticks are there. And after she has overseen the timing and results, she goes into the kitchen to help Cecco clean and put everything away. We also want to acknowledge the efforts of Nick Blum and his parents. Whenever they are present at a swim, they make themselves available for all the tasks not yet signed up for.....And a few kind words for the pilots who too often only hear from the unhappy swimmers. The pilots volunteer their time and energies to ensure we have the coverage for safe swims and, in doing so, they assume an enormous amount of responsibility. Please remember that the next time you feel like a pilot kept you from swimming a faster course....

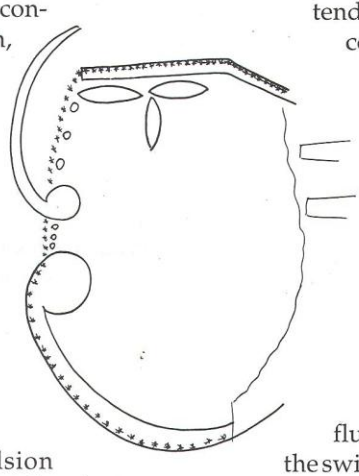
The swimmer's solitary training, the long hours spent semi-submerged, induce a lonely, meditative state of mind. Much of a swimmer's training takes place inside his head, immersed as he is in a continuous dream of a world under water.

We have a great swim program because we have great swimmers like Joe Bruno, Peter Drino, Pat McGarvey, Larry Scroggins, Nancy Friedman, Bill Powning, Susan Anson, Jim Grant, and Lorna Newlin to name just a few. Here's to all our swimmer heroes.

Excerpts from THE HAUNTS OF THE BLACK MASSEUR: THE SWIMMER AS HERO by Charles Sprawson

The Fine Print About Private Out-of Cove Swims

Swimming in the Bay is inherently risky. Bay swimming outside the Aquatic Park Cove in heavily trafficked San Francisco Bay may present even greater risks. Accordingly, the Dolphin Club enforces the following rules regarding out-of cove (defined below) swims which (a) are not Club Swims (defined below) and (b) which use Club facilities (defined below). Since private out-of-cove swims (defined below)are the sole responsibility and risk of the participants, the Club may ask for a written release of liability from each participant. By granting consent for the use of Club facilities for private out-of-cove swims, neither the Club nor the person(s) granting such consent renders any swim, and neither undertakes any duty to do so. *Failure to obtain required consent for private out-of-cove swims using Club facilities is grounds for the following member sanction:* *First Offense:* one-year suspension from competing in Club swims *Second Offense:* Expulsion from the Club without right of reinstatement.



Definition Of Terms

• Club Swim means those swims published by the swim commission in the Club's official swim schedule or other swim events scheduled by the swim commissioner as a part of the Club's organized swim program

• Required Consent means consent to the swim (a) by the Club's head swim commissioner and (b) consent of the boathouse captain to use Club facilities.

• Club Facilities means any real or personal property of the Dolphin Club, including without limitation boats, radios, dock, wet suits, clubhouse, showers, sauna, etc.

• Out-of-cove means any part of the Bay outside the perimeter defined by the line of stars on the sketch herewith.

• Private out-of-cove swim: any swim which (a) is not a Club swim, (b) occurs in whole or in part out-of-cove and uses or involves Club facilities.

The Spirit and Intent of the Rules

While the above rules may be susceptible to "stretching" or contain "loopholes," the point of the rules is quite clear. These rules are intended to apply if a wet or cold participant may ultimately (directly or indirectly) end up in Club facilities. For example, even if a swim does not technically end up at Club Facilities, if participants return to the Club facilities wet or cold (as opposed to flushed, warm and dry), the swim is subject to consent rules. Likewise, if any Club equipment is used in a swim that does not otherwise involve Club Facilities, the swim is subject to consent rules. If you have any doubt regarding whether a proposed swim or row is subject to the above rules, ask the head swim commissioner.

The above rules do not attempt to limit your freedom as a private citizen to conduct swims which are wholly unrelated to the Club and which do not in any way affect the Club facilities. All swim events, whether in or out-of-cove, which involve Club facilities are subject to required consent rules.

Of Tragedy and Tradition

By Christoper M. Kelly

The Legacy of the John Weiland

The afternoon sun pours through the skylight of the Dolphin Club boat shop. The half door open to Jefferson street lets in the sounds of the modern Club environment - many languages spoken by tourists as they walk by, the high cries of gulls and the blues band playing down the street. Inside the half door, the frame of a large rowboat stands on sawhorses, her bow facing the door, as if yearning for just a breath of the sea tinged air outside. The author has wandered in to learn more about the boat so much effort has been spent on, and the man for whom it has been named.

John Bielinski, the Club boat builder, describes the history of the boat and the man as he moves from a tool station, to the boat and back again. It appears neither his mind nor his hands are ever idle, but there is a quietness about him that seems to belong here. The author asks him about John Weiland.

"At the height of his brewery career, and after having been a driving force in the development of the Dolphin Club, John Weiland died tragically in a fire in the early or mid 1880s. His surviving heirs decided that they wanted to honor his memory in the Club by creating a boat that would bear his name."

What they created, John explained, was a 40 foot long, 52 inch wide pleasure barge.

"You had full power from 6 rowers on the oars, but also a cargo or passenger capacity of 8 to 10 passengers, in addition to rowers, could fit in this boat. It was built with an awning, so you could take the ladies out and they wouldn't get sun burned. Speed wise, she would smoke anything similar in design, including a Cornish gig up in Eureka or any of the whaleboats around here. She's slippery. She goes through the water like a knife. 5 1/2 to 6 knots in fair weather and water."

Apparently, no expense was spared in her original construction, which was completed in 1887.

"In her day, she was built at an equivalent of cost to a home and a half acre of land in San Francisco ."

According to Bielinski, she was used consistently for rows all over the bay from 1887 until the late 1970s, when her keel began to rot out. He picks up a foot long piece of multi-layered wood and hands it to the author. It weighs about two pounds and looks like a overcautious shingle job. What follows is a much more recent, but no less interesting, history lesson.

"Around 1979, the original keel was cut clean out of the boat and replaced with layered planking stock, so size-wise, it would match up with original construction. A little later, there was some work done on the oarlocks and sliding seats. They were converted to new plastic oarlocks and racing style seats and heel guides. It was delicate, and kind of ugly. It wasn't really in keeping with the rest of the boat. It's not what we're going to put back in it. We've got probably the last 11 original oarlocks on the west coast in new condition from a supplier up in Washington. We built the mold for the bases of those locks, and a foundry poured bronze into them. Bronze is a recipe of copper and tin, and is much longer-lived in salt water than say, brass."

He goes on to describe the work on the keel and planking.

"The keel we're putting in is of white oak. For the bow and stern keel pieces, I went driving around in Placerville, hunting for the black locust wood to make them. Black locust is extraordinarily hard and rot resistant. I found it growing in a guy's front yard. The limbs on his tree were in just the right shape. I gave him some money, cut them off and took them away.

But how did he know to look in Placerville?

"The settlers that came to Sutter's Mill from the east coast brought the locust with them to grow wood to build strong timbers for their mine shafts. It's not a native California wood. As far as the strakes, we're keeping the same plank length as the original, but I'm substituting port orford cedar for western white pine. Pine has a tendency to rot out faster, and there isn't much of it left after the Navy used it to make sub chasers during World War II. Port is the best wood on the west coast for small boats. It's really fourth dimension timber. It lasts a long, long time. It's disappearing too, but we've got enough of it in clear, straight lengths to finish this project and rebuild half the fleet."

According to the boat builder, about 30 percent of the original wood is intact in the *Weiland*. The talk then comes into the present and the future.

"The whole program here is to make the boats as good as new, to make them as good as they were when they were built originally."

The author asks him how the Club as a whole benefits from this work, aside from the remarkable preservation of California's rowing and boating history.

"There is a very real benefit to this work beyond that for rowers. A boat

like this attracts more rowers, and therefore pilots, to the club. That makes it better for the swimmers. The Club has never seen so much volunteer boat building since the *Weiland* has been in the shop, and I'm sure its because this boat has been in here, sparking people's interest." He turns from the author to appraise the work to come.

"The keel is done and the molds are built. We'll furnish the interior - the thwarts, the stern sheet, the oarlock assembly, building up the sliding seats, fairing the hull, putting on the keel brass and varnishing it. From here, we'll fill the rest of the planking out and save as much of the top two strakes as we can." He points to the time-worn top planks and the splash guard, its curves truly belonging to a previous century, but now nearly ready to meet the next one. The author asks the boat builder what makes him stay here.

"The payoff for me is to see my work last a long time. I'm happy here." He pauses in a moment of benign reflection, then looks up at the author.

"Want to bust a rivet?"

Notice

Dolphin Club Annual Meeting

Wednesday September 20, 1995, 7 p.m.

In the Club's Staib Room 502 Jefferson Street • San Francisco

Pursuant to Club By-Laws, the annual membership meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 20, 1995.

Dolphin Bulletin Board

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with jurisdiction over the Club. The two issues that the BCDC legal staff have raised are parking next to the club and the club's public service obligation.

Parking is prohibited in all public access areas adjacent to the Club, which includes the plaza and the driveway on the west-side of the Club. *Please* do not park in this area as the BCDC is threatening the Club with fines if the problem continues.

Under a BCDC order, the Club was allowed to provide a public service in lieu of a fine in 1992 that resulted from a dispute over a building permit. Each year the Club must submit a report listing the public service activities of our members. If you have performed any volunteer services please leave a note in President Jon Nakamura's mail box with a short description of the activity and the number of volunteer hours. Thank you for your assistance.

A Real Dolphin Joins the Dolphin Club

Earlier this summer, eye brows were quickly raised during the Board of Governor's Meeting as a new member was introducing himself. The cause of this interest was his astonishing name: Mark Dolphin. Having moved here from Boston three years ago, Mark Dolphin eventually joined the Club after longing to do so for some time. His Club interests include swimming, boat building, and rowing. And no, he has not worked for Greenpeace or Jacques Cousteau, but tells us the name comes from his family's home in Dublin, Ireland many generations ago. Mr. Dolphin explains that there is a neighborhood in Dublin called Dolphin's Barn and that is where the name is derived from. So the next time you are Ireland, consider a swing through the Dolphin's Barn.

Slide Show on Development of Aquatic Park

A free slide show entitled "The Development of Aquatic Park, 1856-1960" will be presented and narrated by Bill Pickelhaupt on Saturday, October 14, 1995 at 8:00 p.m. at the J. Porter Shaw Library of the National Maritime Museum located on the third floor of Building E at Fort Mason Center. The history of Black Point Cove and its transformation into Aquatic Park is illustrated with sixty historical slides, including a rarely seen image of the Dolphin and Triton clubs from 1884, plus the beginning of one of the earliest women's Golden Gate swims, circa 1921.

Lake Merced Rowing

Did you know that the Dolphin Club maintains a boathouse out at Lake Merced? Found below the cafe called the "The Boathouse," you will find an assortment of single and double sculls. The calm waters of the lake provide a different rowing experience. For information on rowing training at our Lake Merced Clubhouse, call Heinz Wichelhaus at 387-6143.

From the Editors

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of the Dolphin Log is October 30, 1995. We know there are many aspiring and established artists alike among our membership...we want to reach out to you. Feel free to contribute a story, ideas, photos, drawings, sketches, cartoons or archives that you think would be of interest to Dolphins. Leave your material in our box in the Staib Room, mail it to the Dolphin Club care of the editors, or approach us in person.

SWIM • SWUM • SWAM

Farallone Island Swim Revisited

By Doc Howard

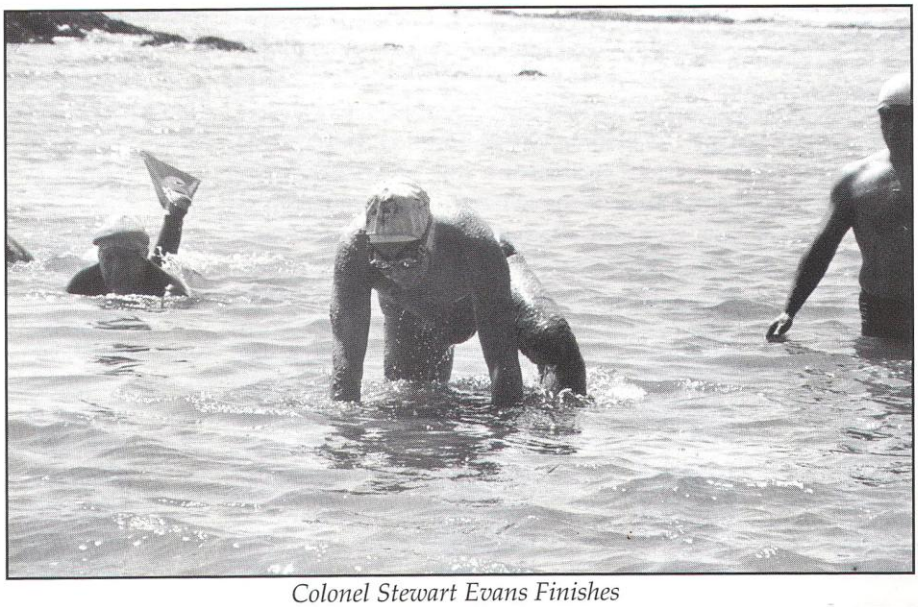
The following are portions of a first-hand account of a milestone Dolphin swim from the South Farallone Island to Point Bolinas, a total of 19.57 miles, by Lieutenant Colonel Stewart Evans. The swim was and remains one of the most difficult open water challenges in the world. The account appeared in a special edition of the Log that was published in September of 1967. It was written by Dr. Fred Howard, the swim's physician and provided by Megan Sullivan.

Course

The course, date and time were chosen by Stu after consultation with Captain Gray, Ike Papke, Joe Weiss and others. The plan was to go in as close to a direct line as possible from the island to Stinson Beach. The tidal time chosen anticipated slack water until the last seven miles, when a weak to moderate northward drift would be encountered followed by the beginning of the flood on nearing the Marin coast. The swim was to start in darkness so that when the going became more difficult, the swimmer would be aided by the sun.

Crafts

The *Water Queen* was the lead boat and set the course, two pilot rowboats, *Oyster* and *Sidney Foster*, each carrying two men, came next with the swimmer between them. The *Sidney Foster* took the course from the lead boat, while the *Oyster*, rowed by veteran Farallones pilot Joe Weiss, watched the swimmer closely. The *Crissy Flier*, carrying additional pilots, pacers, and others remained close behind. The *Edgewater*, carrying our photographer Phil Rourke and Coast Guard Auxiliary observer Rita Banks, cruised along close by.



Colonel Stewart Evans Finishes

Personnel

In addition to the ship's crews, the following Dolphins and friends were in the company:

Starter and Timer:	Jack Gordon
Chief Pilot:	Joe Weiss
Pilots:	Bill O'Brien, Bill Walden, Hector Valencia
Chief Pacer:	Rudy DeMay
Pacers:	Richard Galton, Duncan McLeod
Feeder and Pilot:	Don Warto
Public Relations Officer:	Andy Franco
Physician:	Dr.Fred Howard

Conduct

The swim began at 10:17 PM on August 27. The sky was starry and the air balmy. The water was extremely calm. After an hour, high fog came in but lifted shortly after the sun rose. The water remained calm throughout with only moderate swells at the finish. Water temperature was 56 degrees at the start but reached 58 degrees midway in the swim. The swimmer was protected by a coating of marine bearing grease mixed with graphite and shark repellent. This he applied over a light coating of wintergreen oil on the chest and large joints.

Sea life, at first, consisted of a great number of giant jellyfish up to 25 feet long with powerful stings. It was an eerie sight to look over the side at these ghostly creatures floating by, just below the surface of the water. A sea-lion swam along for a time and a porpoise was sighted. When Stu was about a half-mile off shore, the *Water Queen* crew saw a 16 foot shark cross their bow. The *Crissy Flier* was alerted, but the shark apparently did not care to enter the swim, and was seen no more.

At first Stu swam alone; at 3 AM Dick Galton joined him. From that time on, one or more pacers, usually wearing fins or wet-suits were with him. Don Warto never left his post in the pilot boat and fed the swimmer 7-Up and lemon Jell-o as he desired. No

other food was used.

The crawl stroke at 55 beats a minute was used except when food was taken. Then Stu changed to a side stroke, but the swimmer never stopped at all. About 6 AM, while swimming side-stroke, he suddenly felt pain in the left shoulder which persisted and hampered his progress to a considerable extent. The pain responded rather well to aspirin, and no other medication was considered.

At 8:30 AM the author swam with him and could see that he was not suffering from cold or fatigue but only from the pain and weakness of the strained shoulder. In view of his excellent leg and right shoulder action, I felt that he would be able to complete the swim.

At 9:45 AM forward progress slowed considerably because of an increasingly strong tidal drift to the north. This not only slowed shoreward progress from 2.0 to .5 knots, but also carried the swimmer so far to the north of Duxbury Reef that the plan to land at Stinson beach was abandoned. Joe Weiss and Hector Valencia scouted the shore in the *Oyster* and spotted a place where a gap between the rocks showed the way to a possible landing on the point.

Landing was facilitated by a change in the tide from ebb to flow so that the last 1.5 miles of swimming was aided by the current. Were it not for the reef in the way and the swimmer's lame shoulder, he could have made Stinson Beach in another hour. Hector and I joined Stu and Rudy at the finish. We all swam backstroke and watched the swells carefully. It was necessary to stop and let two big swells go by and break in front of us. Going through the gap in the rocks, we finally touched bottom, but found the rocky footing so treacherous that we fell and had to crawl toward shore for a few yards before the shale and boulders would let us walk again. Stu felt so elated that he jogged up the beach like a track man, a feat that was just a little too much for me. A truly great and wonderful swim.

Rowing Report...Dante's Inferno

Compiled By Kenneth Frank

Keeping The Dolphin Rowing Tradition Alive— A Compilation of Logs From This Year's Row

Nel mezzo del cammin di nostra vita
Mi ritrovai per una selva oscura,
Ché la diritta cia era smarrita.
Ah quanto a dir qual era è cosa dura
Esta selva selvaggia e aspra e forte,
Che nel pensier rinnova la paura!
Tant' è amara che poco è pin morte;
Ma per trattar del ben ch' io vi trovai,
Diro de l'altre cose ch' io v' ho scorte.

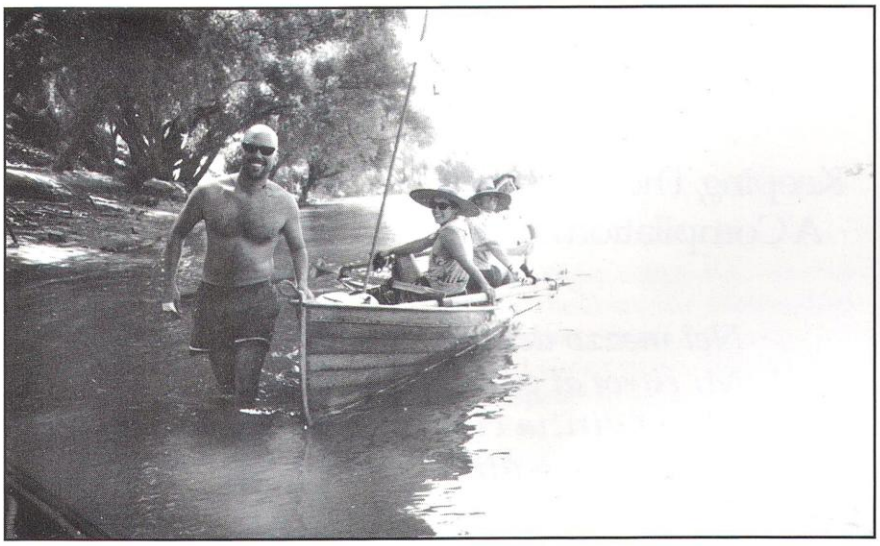
Crew

CRONIN: Capt. Phil Reiff, Gabe Scurlock, Steve Worthington, Eric Hansen
HUGHES: Capt. Rob Downs, Peter Molnar, Judy Stalker, and the author
FARRELL: Capt. Paul Gisler, Kristin Nakazawa, Barnaby Payne, John Kortum
VIKING: Capt. Deborah Henning, Linda Righetti, Dave Sugar, Nick Payne
SPECTRE: Capt. Jon Bielinski, Padraic Doyle

Saturday, 24 June 95

0430 Last minute prep for departure. Ken issues commemorative bandanna charts so we don't get lost. Where's Rob? Group photo by Bob David
0552 Underway! Gabe is rumored to have had 3 beers already. Flat & calm with touch of breeze in Cove. Past the breakwater, it's light to moderate chop.
0600 The yellow orange glows brighter as we reach 'The Rock.' Silhouette of Berkeley hills and fading pink sky.
0605 Wind 10kt. with increasing swells.
0616 Passing Harding Rock and Stanley's tree. Flood felt here.
0631 Dave & Linda kick ass — we're leading the armada - almost to Sam's
0638 Ken spotted sporting a banana hammock. Naked rower.
0650 1st vessel, the *HUGHES* pulls into Sam's.
0709 Underway after muffins, coffee, tea and juice are provisioned by Jayni.
0717 Richmond San Rafael bridge in sight — great flood.
0800 John K fussing for a beer. Abeam Red "8" headed toward Southhampton Shoal channel with 6 kt flood. Mile 7. It's already hot!
0837 Passing Red Rock and it is already hot! This boat is going to be like a hibachi when we get upriver!
0925 Hot.
0940 Sugar demands longer strokes on Lake San Pablo - hot hot hot.

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1007 Point Pinole Mile 14 grease oarlocks for the 1st time. Overcome with fervor to press on with full steady pulls and heartfelt thanks on rapid fire position changes by JB himself.

1015 Shift change. San Pablo (Bay) is like one vast peaceful lake — couldn't ask for a better day or a better crew.

1039 Burrito madness and love incantations. Judy's hand in marriage is proposed by single-minded men.

1045 Sailboats motoring - Where the hell is Benicia? (Mile 26)

1120 Davis Point Mile 20. Passed the *SS COAST RANGE* at dock.

1204 Benicia City Wharf ruins in sight as *FARRELL* flies by!

1226 Benicia. Payne Bros. try to cool off by jumping in only to find the water uncomfortably tepid. Grease oarlocks and seats in desert like heat.

1300 Underway. Water unseasonably calm, flat and hot. Much discussion of cooler climes. PDX to be exact. Beers are setting in as we stroke in unison.

1335 Under the cool shade briefly of each of the Martinez bridges.

1351 *CRONIN* pulls ahead.

1400 Green buoy "7" at north end of Bulls Head Channel Mile 28.5.

1445 Corona opened.

1451 Sierra Nevada opened.

1453 Sierra Nevada gone.

1454 Still hot.

1532 Red buoy "24". Mile 34. Entrance to Honker Bay.

1544 It's really hot now. Convergence of the fleet with the *SS CABO S. LUCAS* underway, with hawser to tug under full power pulling hard astern! What's going on? The ship calls Vessel Traffic with, "Five rowboats with low freeboard spotted in the channel....better give other vessels a 'slow bell'".

1549 *HUGHES* is left in the wake of all.

1727 Entering mouth of River pulling ahead of huge brown hills. Mile 42.

1750 Fig newtons and beer — that's the ticket to power stroking.

1830 Temperature is down. Gentle and soothing breeze. Spirits are high as Marker 11 and Mile 44 slide out of view.

1900 Impunity couples with brute force. We raise the L.L. Bean gortex spinnaker, harnessing natures power. Pacing *SPECTRE* crew speed demons

2000 Mile 52.5. Rio Vista greets us with Silva's Catering and nearly 100 pieces of chicken, tortalini, fritatta as good as Cecco's and a magnum of Ken's home made Cabernet. What enthusiastic service by Deborah's family!

2100 Steve and the Payne Bros. take pulls on Jack Daniels rather than oars in the shadow of stuffed endangered species at Bucks.

Sunday 25 June 95

0315 Chattering locals awaken us from a row induced stupor.

0942 Underway to Courtland. 90° ! *CRONIN* (Team Zest) off and running. *VIKING* and *CRONIN* slapping oars. Crews are refreshed, fed and now in the groove. How long will this last is the question.

1020 Linda and Dave race the car ferry.

1027 *HUGHES* aground as a scientific test of depth at marker 37. Oar blade samplings will be sent to Corps of Engineers.

1125 Did a "Power 10" for JB; waited 'till he motored away and popped beer #1 of the day — pacing is of the essence.

1137 Riding the wild surf with Judy in powerboats' wake. Mt. Diablo following on port quarter with C-5's touch and go, banking left.

1140 Red Day Marker 50, Miner Slough entrance. *HUGHES* spends fleets time by constructing awnings for invaluable shade then foments resentment from other crews while provocatively being towed by *SPECTRE*.

1330 Mile 61 Pistol packin' Jack wields a welcome to the Dolphin Club. *VIKING* / Venetian Gondoliers and *FARRELL* under full steam now, have transformed into Team Hades and Apocalypse Now. Eric's thermometer pegs out at 115°F!!! Ken's shoe melts and separates from the sole. Paul's pen has bonded shut to the cap. *SPECTRE*'S motor calls it quits.

1522 Mile 65. Tension peaks in Sutter Slough. Homicide possible. *VIKING*, and *FARRELL*, stop for a prescribed swim and cooling off break. The

HUGHES follows the *CRONIN's* beer can impaled bow ornament. Somehow Ken's underwear shows up there too.

1745 Arrive Courtland to Delilah's. Heat and fatigue have adversely affected reasoning. Beer and Crawdads, Cigars and Cigarettes; these are the key elements to a successful row.

2050 With *SPECTRE's* motor down and left to rest at Courtland, Jon espouses, "The Time Has Come For Blood and Iron..."briefing. We are to row in formation for safety. Underway as the orange red sunset sky changes to darkness we are on the last 10 miles of the day. Calm weather, warm summer night on the now silvery reflective river. This is the time to relish the cool night air. For a time we row silently together in unison. Suddenly the *CRONIN* pulls away from the pack. Every boat is jockeying for the best water close to shore. She is boarded and brought back into line. JB now has thoughts of tying all boats together!

Monday 26 June 95

0100 Darkness and delirium set in. Steve can't complete simple sentences due to exposure and excessive alcohol consumption. Testarosa deploys secret flash fazer. Padraic and Deborah together again in the *VIKING* reminds one of shades of mutiny in Honker Bay.

0200 Many changes later we arrive Freeport. Crash.



0752 Underway Sacramento. Hard current - 8 miles to go - three cheers for muleskin! Conducted emergency stop hold water drills. The crews performed splendidly.

0914 Analysis of the tide and current reveals a +4 suck. *CRONIN*/Team Zest passes *HUGHES*/Zen Mama with Jon B. pulling easy with a smile, (although he's truly possessed) while Steve, giving it his all, looks ready to explode.

1140 What's the sound of: dogs barking, birds chirping, water trickling and minds snapping? The *CRONIN*, first in, powered past the *VIKING* in the last 100 yd. A shout of "Ya gotta wait for a 40 year old woman to pass eh?", is heard. Looking surprised, the *FARRELL* arrives.

1240 Last vessel, the *HUGHES*, glides safely to Miller Park, Sacramento. At Eric and Delray's Noreen greets us with halibut steaks and champagne.

Footnotes from chart below

* I Street in Sacramento is located after the confluence of both the American and Sacramento Rivers which the Calif. Dept. of Water Resources measures above sea level. Thanks go to James Bailey, State Hydrologist for statistics.

**These are estimates. River was below sensor level due to drought.

Questions for next years sign-up:

What 's been the most physically enduring and mentally challenging experience in your life? (This may be it).

- Can you pee in a bailer?
- Can you live on an 18' boat with three other stinky sweaty, sun deranged people for thirty six hours of rowing?
- When you tell friends you're rowing to Sac. and they ask why — take a moment and ponder the question.

Translation of DANTE'S Inferno from 16th century Italian CANTO I, can be found in the Rowing podium. N

Year of Row	I Street * Stage Level in ft.	Cubic Feet per Second (in 1000's)	Number of Rowers [Women]	Number of Hours Rowed	Night Hours Rowed
'92	3.5	5 - 10**	3	23	1.5
'93	5.5	15	11 [2]	39	(*VIKING* 2)+3
'94	3	<10**	11	24	0
'95	12.5	34 to 40	18 [4]	36	5

Dolphin Swim Statistics

April 22— July 30, 1995

Pier 41
April 22, 1995

1. Becky Fenson 16:10
2. John Selmer 17:51
3. Laura Burtch 18:59
4. Jon Nakamura 20:18
5. Eric Colberg 20:37
6. Eric Mellinger 20:14
7. George Kebbe 20:42
8. David Shutt 21:26
9. Larry Scroggins 22:24
10. Kate Coleman 22:50
11. Jean Howe 23:10
12. Mark Richard 23:20
13. Mark O'Hara 23:34
14. Mark McKee 23:41
15. Carolyn Hyland 23:58
16. Liz Ann Schiff 24:06
17. Krist Jake 24:10
18. Lee Hammack 24:17
19. Ginny McKee 24:51
20. Fred Johnson 25:34
21. George Gara 25:55
22. Joni Beemsterboer 26:06
23. Phil Reiff 26:21
24. Eduardo Barranco 26:33
25. Tony DuComb 26:51
26. Vince Huang 26:57
27. Jackie Merovich 26:57
28. Carla Curtis 27:01
29. Barry Christian 27:14
30. Steve Worthington 27:32
31. Mark Ontiveras 27:36
32. Mary Verdon 27:31
33. Pam Stillwagon 27:37
34. Era Osibe 27:43
35. Hal Cranston 27:44
36. Roger Kleid 27:56
37. Sue Garfield 28:00
38. Lindsay Casablanca ... 28:07
39. David Brandt 28:28
40. Jeff Ranta 28:56
41. Leslie Callan 29:02
42. Dennis Williams 29:10
43. Francisca Cervantes ... 29:25
44. Linda Righetti 29:30
45. Gabe Scurlock 29:41
46. Rocky Muzzin 30:17
47. Noel Turner 30:30
48. Rudy DeMay 31:03
49. Tom Callinan 31:35
50. Chuck Vogt 32:04
51. Sandy Dean 32:26
52. David Broadbear 33:08
53. Bill Powning 53:52

Helpers: Krist Jake, George Gara, Neil Hartnett, Moon, Dave Copeland, Linda Righetti, Jackie Merovich, Matt Sheridan, Anna Henry, Bill O'Brien, Charlie Simpson, Jon Nakamura, Don Reid, Diane Abele, Monique Garvin, Signe Copeland, Bill Callahan, Jessica & Chelsea Huang.

Pilots: Kelly Flynn, Lorna Newlin, Phil Rollin, Tom Kuglen, Gary Ersham, Meg Reilly, Susan Anson, Monica Tower, Marty Spiegleman, Joe Cowan, Colin Gift, Mag Donaldson, Nancy Friedman, Kelly Russ, Rick Tulis, Dave Covell, Rich Cooper, Kristin Nakazawa, Ken Coren, Ken Frank, Joe Schatz, Jim Fagen, Robin Chambers, Jane Krueger, Padraic Doyle, Al de la Pena, Kevin Hartnett, Matt Sheridan and David Zovickian.

Dick Beeler Crazy Cove
April 30, 1995

1. Laura Burtch 21:22
2. John Selmer 21:23
3. Monique Garvin 23:04
4. Jim Mason 23:31
5. Jon Nakamura 23:37
6. Suzie Dods 24:01
7. Eric Mellinger 24:12
8. George Kebbe 25:34
9. David Shutt 26:41
10. Dave Zovickian 26:59
11. Kate Coleman 27:20
12. Cazton Rhodes 28:00
13. Mark McKee 28:02
14. Krist Jake 28:25
15. Richard Kosinski 31:03
16. Signe Copland 31:10
17. Sunny McKee 31:22
18. Nancy Friedman 32:00
19. George Gara 34:24
20. Mary Verdon 35:55
21. Era Osibe 37:38
22. Jim Grant 38:25
23. Dennis Williams 38:36
24. Bill Callahan 38:37
25. F. Cervantes 40:26
26. Pete Bianucci 40:26

Helpers: Pete Neubauer, Matt Sheridan, Sue Garfield, Suzie Dods, Susan Anson, Becky Fenson, Mimi Osborne, Laura Merkl, David Brandt, Mag Donaldson, Tony DuComb, David Copeland, Kate Coleman, Mark and Sunny McKee.

Pilots: Tony DuComb, David Broadbear, Susan Allen, Hal Cranston, Dave Casell, Ann Sasaki, Kevin Hartnett, Linda Righetti, Phil Kohlenberg, Mark Ontiveros, Steve Shidler, Dan Osborne, Matt Sheridan, Padraic Doyle, Jim Fagan, and Eric Shackelford.

Yacht Harbor (sort of)
May 13, 1995

THE IN-COVE QUALIFIER

1. Eric Mellinger 22:47
2. Vince Huang 25:45
3. Jeff Weinstein 25:47
4. Susan Anson 26:03
5. Pam Stillwagon 31:42
6. Susan Lauritzen 33:18
7. Dave Copeland 35:02
8. Pavla Podolska 44:29

OUT OF COVE QUALIFIER

1. Becky Fenson 25:50
2. John Selmer 29:06
3. Laura Burtch 29:18
4. Jon Nakamura 33:23
5. Peter Drino 33:33
6. Suzie Dods 34:24
7. George Kebbe 35:17
8. Bonnie Winn 39:28
9. David Shutt 39:54
10. Jean Howe 40:10
11. Van Metaxas 40:19
12. Krist Jake 41:01
13. Mike Webb 41:37
14. Nancy Friedman 42:16
15. Mark Mckee 42:41
16. Gina Rus 43:18
17. Sunny Mckee 44:07
18. Susan Cobb 45:31
18. Ken Coren 45:31
19. Tony DuComb 48:32
20. Mary Verdon 49:31
21. Pete Bianucci 55:25
22. Sandy Lemkuhl 56:46

Helpers: Kate Coleman, Pete Neubauer, Lee Hammack, Jean Howe, Barbara Keller, Francisca Cervantes, Monique Garvin, Noel Turner, George Kebbe, Lorna Newlin, Chelsea Huang, Jessica Huang, Kathy Huang, Pat McGarvey, Pam Derks, Signe Copeland, Eric Larsen, and Sandy Lemkuhl.

Pilots: Richard Kosinski, Ken Hauser, Lorna Newlin, Susan Allen, Gabe Scurlock, Kevin Hartnett, Don Harrison, David Zovickian, Margie Speigleman, Kristen Nakazawa, Annette Paul, Matt Sheridan, Jim Fagan, and Phil Kohlenberg.

Test Pilots and swimmers: Pilots, Neil Hartnett, Kevin Hartnett, Mark O'Hara, Linda Righetti, and Al de la Pena. Swimmers, Jackie Merovich and Kelly Flynn.

Pier 39
May 21 1995

1. Laura Burtch 21:32
2. John Selmer 21:35
3. Peter Drino 24:15
4. Suzie Dods 24:30
5. George Kebbe 25:42
6. Kate Coleman 26:05
7. David Shutt 26:23
8. Eric Mellinger 26:52
9. Van Metaxas 27:18
10. Matt Sheridan 27:38
11. Krist Jake 27:40
12. Mark O'Hara 27:54
13. Megan Sullivan 28:24
14. Liz Ann Schiff 28:26
15. Vince Huang 28:37
16. Tina Scott 28:38
17. Signe Copeland 28:41
18. Lee Hammack 28:43
19. Phil Reiff 29:00
20. Tony DuComb 29:03
21. Carter Seddon 29:32
22. Gina Rus 29:33
23. Susan Cobb 29:57
24. Ken Coren 29:57
25. Joni Beemsterboer 31:02
26. Pam Stillwagon 31:19
27. John Hornor 32:05
28. Mary Verdon 32:09
29. Era Osibe 32:13
30. Lindsay Casablanca 32:15
31. Gerry Cullen 32:16
32. Linda Righetti 32:19

33. Susan Lauritzen 32:21
33. Steve Lathram 32:21
34. Noel Turner 33:33
35. Gary Erhsam 33:47
36. Nancy Hornor 33:55
37. Leslie Callan 34:05
38. John Conti 3410
39. Sandy Lemkuhl 34:17
40. Nick Strelchuk 35:49
41. Will Powning 37:49
42. Pete Bianucci 37:51
43. Pavla Podolska 38:40
44. Bill Powning 48:00
45. David Broadbear 49:12

Helpers: Mary Verdon, Meg Reilly, Pavla Podolska, Nancy Hornor, Cecco, Keith Nelson, Suzie Dods, Diane Sosnoski, Debbie Conti, Julia LeSage, Nick Blum, Bob Blum, Elmer Tosta, and Tony Ducomb.

Pilots: Conrad von Blankenburg, Colin Gift, Nancy Freidman, Meg Reilly, David Zovickian, Celeste McMullin, Larry Scroggins, Bob Danielson, Paul Gisler, Rich Cooper, Al de la Peña, Tom Kuglen, Jeremy West, Tom Kuglen, Ken Coren, Kevin Hartnett, Andy Camus, Jim Fagan, Don Harrison, and Jane Kruger.

Test Pilots and Swimmer: Pilots, Kevin Hartnett, Tom Kuglen, Linda Righetti, Jim Fagan, and Paul Gisler. Swimmer, Mark O'Hara.

Crissy Field
June 11

1. Becky Fenson 38:31
2. Suzanne Heim 38:35
3. John Selmer 41:27
4. Diane Abele 41:41
5. Tom Keller 41:47
6. Laura Burtch 43:05
7. John Davies 44:50
8. Suzie Dods 44:53
9. Jon Nakamura 45:37
10. Erik Colberg 47:38
11. George Kebbe 48:53
12. Mickey Lavelle 49:24
13. Kelly Flynn 49:50
14. Alan Budenz 49:55
15. Pat McGarvey 50:36
16. Ed Urban 50:54
16. Todd Oppenheimer 50:54
17. Diane Sosnoski 51:08
18. Matt Sheridan 51:17
19. Larry Scroggins 51:53
20. Jean Howe 51:54
21. Krist Jake 52:16
22. Van Metaxas 53:15
23. David Shutt 53:30
24. Jeff Weinstein 54:13
25. Gina Rus 54:17
26. Janice Schultz 54:24
27. Lorna Newlin 54:27
28. Tina Scott 54:40
29. Nancy Friedman 54:41
30. M. Lubiszewski 54:52
30. Bob Blum 54:52
31. Fred Johnson 54:55
32. Pete Neubauer 55:41
33. Eduardo Barranco 56:43
34. Barbara Keller 52:53
35. John Hornor 57:44
36. David Copeland 57:46
37. Jackie Merovich 57:58
38. Denise Voce 58:05
38. Anna Henry 58:05
39. George Robin 58:15
40. Michael Lord 58:42
41. Tony Du Comb 58:49
42. Joe Cowan 60:00
43. Mary Verdon 60:45
44. Nancy Hornor 60:53
45. Era Osibe 61:12
46. L. Casablanca 61:46
47. F. Cervantes 62:05
48 Nick Strelchuk 72:22
49. Pavla Podolska 74:50
50. David Broadbear 84:59

Helpers: Alan Budenz, Tony Du Comb, Pavla Podolska, Barbara Keller, Bonnie Winn, Tom Hoffman, Noel Turner, Megan Sullivan, Nick Blum, Mimi Osborne, Pam Derks, Susan Lauritzen, Leslie Callan, Candace Kelly, Steve Pinetti, Todd Oppenheimer, Keith Nelson, and Suzanne Heim.

Pilots: Susan Allen, Gabe Scurlock, Gary Ershan, Avril McHugh, Joni Beemsterboer, Dave Zovickian, Phil Fernandez, Colin Gift, Monica Towers, Charles Barry, Don Harrison, Bob Danielson, Pam Stillwagon, Celeste McMullin, Peter Vandersterre, Dave Covell, Rich Tulis, Jane Krueger, Padraic Doyle, Steve Pinetti, Mike McElliott, Scott Schwartz, Peter Brand, Phil Reiff, Deborah Henning, Pete Bianucci, Karen Boyer, John Conti, Paul Gisler, Phil Kohlenberg, Chuck Vogt, Bill Pickelhaupt, Linda Righetti, Jim Fagan, Rich Cooper, Andy Camous, Dan Osborne, Peter Drino, Al de la Pena, Kevin Hartnett, Sean Hartnett, and Neil Hartnett.

Test Swimmers and Pilots: pilots, Kevin Hartnett, Al de la Peña, Linda Righetti, Eduardo Barranco, Tina Scott, and Matthew Sheridan. Swimmers, Candace Kelly and Signe Copeland.

Bay Bridge
June 18, 1995

1. Becky Fenson 36:42
2. Suzanne Heim 37:44
3. Laura Burtch 39:30
4. Tom Keller 40:25
5. Monique Garvin 40:58
6. Diane Abele 40:59
7. Jon Nakamura 42:25
8. Eric Larsen 42:38
9. George Kebbe 42:56
10. Mike Webb 43:41
11. Conrad Von B. 44:25
12. Ed Urban 44:35
13. Todd Oppenheimer 45:06
13. Larry Scroggins 45:06
14. Barnaby Payne 45:07
15. Caxton Rhodes 45:33
16. Eric Mellinger 45:39
17. Phil Rollins 45:50
18. Eric Shakelford 46:46
19. Lorna Newlin 47:13
20. Bonnie Winn 47:15
21. Signe Copeland 47:32
22. Pete Neubauer 47:35
23. Gina Rus 47:42
24. Fred Johnson 47:55
25. M. Lubiszewski 47:56
26. Krist Jake 48:10
27. Tina Scott 48:11
28. Eduardo Baranca 48:42
29. Carter Seddon 48:50
30. Barbara Keller 48:56
31. George Robbin 49:00
32. Nancy Friedman 49:13
33. Joni Beemsterboer 49:38
34. John Hornor 49:52
35. Jerry Cullen 50:34
36. Tony Du Comb 50:49
37. Mary Verdon 51:00
37. Jim Grant 51:00
38. Pam Stillwagon 51:15
39. Nancy Hornor 51:57
40. Kevin Hartnett 52:18
41. Anna Henry 53:13
42. Sue Garfield 53:40
43. Sheryl Kent 68:57
44. Pavla Podolska 70:35
45. Gary Ehrsam 73:07

Helpers: Sheryl Kent, John Raynond, Mary Norkin, Jackie Merovich, Suzie Dods, Nancy Hornor, Sue Garfield, Nick Blum, Megan Sullivan, Mimi Osborne, Lindsay Casablanca, Susan Lauritizen, Bill Van Horn, Neal Fishman, George Kebbe, Barnaby Payne, Mike Webb, Barbara Keller, and Pavla Podolska.

Pilots: John Davies, Gabe Scurlock, Susan Allen, Dave Zovickian, Colin Gift, Don Harrison, Bob Danielson, Jude Stalker, Vince Huang, Rich Tulis, Dave Covell, Dan Osborne, Linda Righetti, Rich Cooper, Andy Camous, Jim Fagan, Candace Kelly, Paul Gisler, Phil Reiff, Bob Blum, Noel Turner, Pete Bianucci, Al de la Pena, Bill Pickelhaupt, Matt Sheridan, Rich Cooper, Dave Kennedy, Heidi Sachs, and Paul Colinbell.

Test Pilots and Swimmers: pilots, Kevin Hartnett, Neil Hartnett, and Al de la Pena. Swimmers, Susan Anson and Dave Copeland.

Twilight Cove
June 23, 1995

1. Monique Garvin 20:28
2. Jon Nakamura 20:32
3. Pat McGarvey 25:02
4. Kelly Flynn 25:03
5. Pam Derks 25:05
6. Larry Scroggins 25:11
7. David Shutt 25:13
8. Tom Hoffman 25:15
9. Richard Kosinski 25:17
10. Chris Kelly 25:33
11. Kate Coleman 25:39
12. Susan Allen 25:56
13. Krist Jake 26:53
14. Megan Sullivan 27:16
15. Janice Schultz 27:48
16. Fred Johnson 28:35
17. Mark McKee 29:00
18. Lorna Newlin 29:36
19. Mark Lubiscewski 29:58
20. Rich Cooper 30:00
21. Glynn Jones 30:04
22. David Brandt 30:18
23. David Copeland 30:52
24. Monica Towers 30:53
25. Keith Nelson 31:01
26. Sunny Mckee 31:35
27. Tina Scott 31:37
28. Barry Christian 32:28
29. Denise Vore 32:50
30. Milo Fay 34:59
31. Jackie Merovich 35:50
32. Jim Grant 36:33
33. Era Osibe 37:02
34. Lindsay Casablanca 37:20
35. Hal Cranston 38:08
36. Michael McElligott 39:44
37. Dennis Williams 39:54
38. Francisca Cervantes 41:45

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39. Carla Curtis 43:35
40. Pete Bianucci 43:45
41. Mary Cantini Norkin ... 44:50
42. Sheryl Kent 47:15
43. Phil Fernandez 49:47
44. Nick Zoller 51:49

Helpers: Pavla Podolska, Sunny McKee, Mark McKee, Janice Schultz, Diane Sosnoski, Meg O'Rielly, Jim Grantz, Hal Cranston, Van Metaxas, Van Hart, Diane Abele, Signe Copeland, Bob Blum, Nick Blum and CECCO.

Pilots: Lynn Jolly, Kevin Hartnett, Pat North, Al de la Pena, Bill Pickelhaupt, Andy Camous, and Jim Fagan.

Doc Howard
Over 45
Gas House Cove
July 9, 1995

1. John Selmer 17:57
2. Peter Drino 19:55
3. Bill Van Horn 20:03
4. Susan Allen 21:45
5. Dan Osborne 22:04
6. Pat McGarvey 22:21
7. Diane Sosnoski 22:21
7. Elmer Tosta 22:25
8. Conrad von B. 22:48
8. Tom Hoffman 22:48
9. Krist Jake 22:51
10. Pete Neubauer 24:02
11. Eric Shakelford 24:04
12. Bonnie Winn 24:15
13. Rich Cooper 24:36
14. Joni Beemsterboer 24:51
15. Susan Anson 25:08
16. Tina Scott 25:21
17. Glynn Jones 25:25
18. Bob Colyar 25:31
19. Keith Nelson 25:43
20. Jeff Weinstein 25:45
21. Sunny McKee 25:55
22. Phil Fernandez 26:08
23. Ken Coren 26:09
24. Roger Kleid 26:52
24. Tony Du Comb 26:52
25. Jackie Merovich 27:24
26. Jerry Cullen 27:44
27. Anna Henry 27:45
28. Jim Grant 28:16
29. Joe Cowan 29:55
30. Flicka McGurrin 30:39
31. Marc Richard 31:00
32. Rudy DeMay 31:05
32. Noel Turner 31:05
33. James Vanya 31:14
34. Mary Cantini-Norkin .. 31:29
35. Pat North 31:31
36. Pete Bianucci 31:38
37. Chuck Vogt 31:55
38. Padraic Doyle 32:19
39. Gary Ehrsam 34:00
40. Mimi Osborne 36:00
41. Nick Strelchuk 36:23
42. Bob McKenzie 37:00
43. Ed DeCossio 38:27
44. Keith Weaver 39:01
45. David Broadbear 39:58
46. Pavla Podolska 42:08
47. Steve North 43:08
48. Phil Kohlenberg 48:42
48. Bill Powning 48:42

Helpers: Pavla Podolska, David Brandt, Keith Weaver, Suzie Dods, Nick Blum, Jackie Merovich, Phil Fernandez, Marla McGowan, Laura Burtch, Rocky Muzzin, Carter Seddon, Lorna Newlin, Laura Merkyl, Eric Larsen, Bill Van Horn, Bob Colyar, and Eric Mellinger.

Pilots: Barry Christian, Alan Budenz, Phil Rollins, Linda Braski, Suzanne Heim, Tom Kuglen, Gabe Scurlock, Nancy Friedman, Larry Scroggins, Lindsay Casablanca, Dennis Williams, Colin Gift, Mike McElligot, Matt Sheridan, Kevin Hartnett, Al de la Pena, Dave Zovickian, Andy Camous, Jim Fagan and Bill Pickelhaupt.

Pier 41
Twilight Cove
July 14, 1995

1. Tom Keller 18:41
2. Laura Burtch 19:21
3. Steve Schatz 19:52
4. Bill Van Horn 19:53
5. Alan Budenz 22:10
5. George Kebbe 22:10
6. Eric Mellinger 22:28
7. Kelly Flynn 22:59
8. Linda Stanley 23:02
9. Diane Sosnoski 23:14
10. Kate Coleman 23:20
11. Eric Larsen 23:28
12. David Shutt 23:47
13. Megan Sullivan 24:37
14. Matt Sheridan 24:51
15. Rachel Havrelock 25:24
16. Fred Johnson 25:27
17. Lorna Newlin 25:38
18. Liz Ann Schiff 25:47
19. Bob Colyar 25:53
20. David Brandt 25:55
21. Susan Anson 26:00
22. Tina Scott 26:04
23. Keith Nelson 26:14
24. Rich Cooper 26:18
25. Barry Christian 26:38
26. Glenn Jones 26:41
27. Gina Rus 26:58
28. George Robin 26:59
29. Monica Towers 27:04
30. Phil Fernandez 27:07
31. Steve Worthington 27:09
32. Tony DuComb 27:30
33. Mark Ontiveros 27:38
34. Tom Allen 28:01
35. Pam Stillwagon 28:28
36. Jackie Merovich 28:34
37. Joe Cowan 28:42
38. Kevin Hartnett 28:48
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41. Nancy Hornor 26:46
42. John Conti 29:46
43. Dennis Williams 30:16
44. Flicka McGurrin 30:22
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46. Bill Callahan 30:30
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51. Ed de Cassio 36:30
52. Will Powning 36:47
53. Nick Zoller 37:17
54. Keith Weaver 40:37
55. Phil Kohlenberg 41:16
56. Bob McKenzie 41:50

Helpers: Tom Keller, Flicka McGurrin, Liz Ann Schiff, CECCO, Steve Pinetti, Dianne Schatz, Laura Burtch, Becky Fenson, Mimi Osborne, Susan Cobb, Bob Blum, Nick Blum, Tom Allen, Bob Colyar, Bill Callahan, Steve Lathram, and John Hornor.

Pilots: Neil Hartnett, Al de la Pena, Colin Gift, Dave Zovickian, Jim Fagan, Bob Hoff, Jeff Weinstein, Stan Hlynsky, Linda Righetti, Pete Bianucci, Tom Kuglen, John Selmer, Susan Allen, Marla McGowan, Dan Osborne, Bob Danielson, Lindsay Casablanca, and Andy Camous.

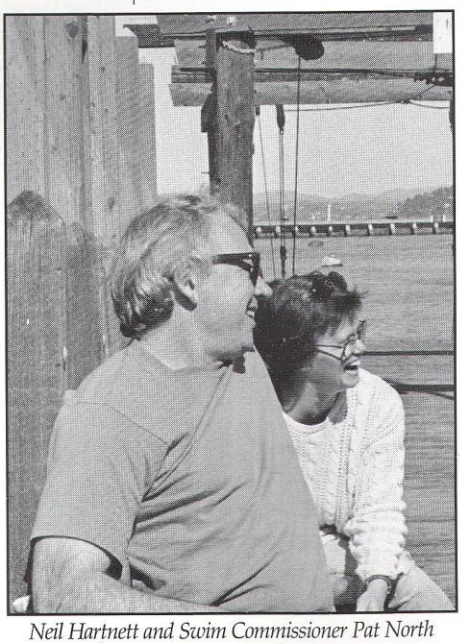
Over 60 Cove
July 30, 1995

1. Dan Osborne 10:02
2. Glynn Jones 10:38
3. Bob Danielson 10:53
4. Jerry Cullen 12:02
5. Jack Bettencourt 12:03
6. Phil Ingalls 12:53
7. Dan McGill 13:03
8. Jimmy Vanya 13:24
9. Rudy DeMay 13:51
10. Walt Schneebeli 14:52
11. Bob Hoff 14:54
12. Mimi Osborne 15:10
13. Nick Zoller 16:01
14. Joe Bruno 19:30
15. Bill Powning 21:24
16. Hal Miramonte 21:27
17. Lou Marcelli 23:57
18. CECCO 30:28

Helpers: Mark Richard, Ann Sasaki, Pam Stillwagon, Rocky Muzzin, Roger Kleid, Susan Anson, Lorna Newlin, Nick Blum, Megan Sullivan, Flicka Mcgurrin, Jeff Weinstein, Dennis Williams, Mark Ontiveros, Tom Allen, and Glynn Jones.

Pilots: Mike DiNunzio, Lindsay Casablanca, David Zovickian, John Selmer, David Broadbear, Mary Cantini-Norkin, Phil Kohlenberg, Ed deCossio, Linda Stanley, Bob McKenzie, Larry Scroggins, Matt Sheridan, Jim Fagan, Al de la Pena, and Kevin Hartnett.

Test swimmers and pilots: Pat North and Kevin Hartnett.



Neil Hartnett and Swim Commissioner Pat North

1995 Swim Schedule

Pending Coast Guard Approval

- Date -	- Event -	- Jump-Off -
Dec. 21, 1994 (Wednesday)	*Polar Bear Swim Starts*	
January 1 *(Sunday)*	New Year's Day Cove	09:00
January 1 *(Sunday)*	] New Year's Day Alcatraz	TBA
January 1 *(Sunday)*	*365 Mile Swim Starts*	
January 29 *(Sunday)*	] Mid-Winter Gas House Cove	08:00
February 12 *(Sunday)*	Mid-Winter Cove	09:00
March 21 (Tuesday)	*Polar Bear Swim Ends*	
March 25 *(Saturday)*	Spring Cove	09:00
April 22 *(Saturday)*	] Pier 41	09:30
April 30 *(Sunday)*	] Dick Beeler Crazy Cove	09:00
May 13 *(Saturday)*	] Yacht Harbor	08:00
May 21 *(Sunday)*	] Pier 39	09:00
June 1 (Thursday)	*100 Mile Swim Starts*	
June 11 *(Sunday)*	] Crissy Field	08:00
June 18 *(Sunday)*	] Bay Bridge	08:00
June 23 *(Friday)*	] Twilight Cove - Pot Luck BBQ to Follow	18:00
July 9 *(Sunday)*	] Doc Howard - Over 45 - From Gas House Cove	08:00
July 14 *(Friday)*	] Twilight Pier 41- Pot Luck BBQ to Follow	18:00
July 22 *(Saturday)*	Trans Tahoe Relay	7:30
July 30 *(Sunday)*	Over 60 Cove	09:00
August 5 *(Saturday)*	] Santa Cruz Pier Swim	TBA
August 19 *(Saturday)*	Golden Gate I - Slow Day	TBA
August 20 *(Sunday)*	Golden Gate II - Fast Day	TBA
August 26 *(Saturday)*	] Fort Point	09:00
September 3 *(Sunday)*	] Twilight Gas House Cove - Pot Luck BBQ to Follow	TBA
September 16 *(Saturday).*	] Handicap Cove	09:00
September 24 *(Sunday)*	Dolphin/South End Triathlon	TBA
September 30 *(Saturday)*	Alcatraz	10:00
October 29 *(Sunday)*	Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon	9:00
October 31 *(Tuesday)*	*100 Mile Swim Ends*	
November 11 *(Saturday)*	Annual Swim/Pilot Appreciation Dinner	19:00
November 19 *(Sunday)*	Introduction To Bay Swimming	09:00
November 23 *(Thursday)*	Thanksgiving Day Cove	09:00
December 17 *(Sunday)*	New Year's Day Alcatraz Qualifier	09:00
December 21 *(Thursday)*	*Polar Bear Swim Starts*	
December 31 *(Sunday)*	*365 Mile Swim Ends*	

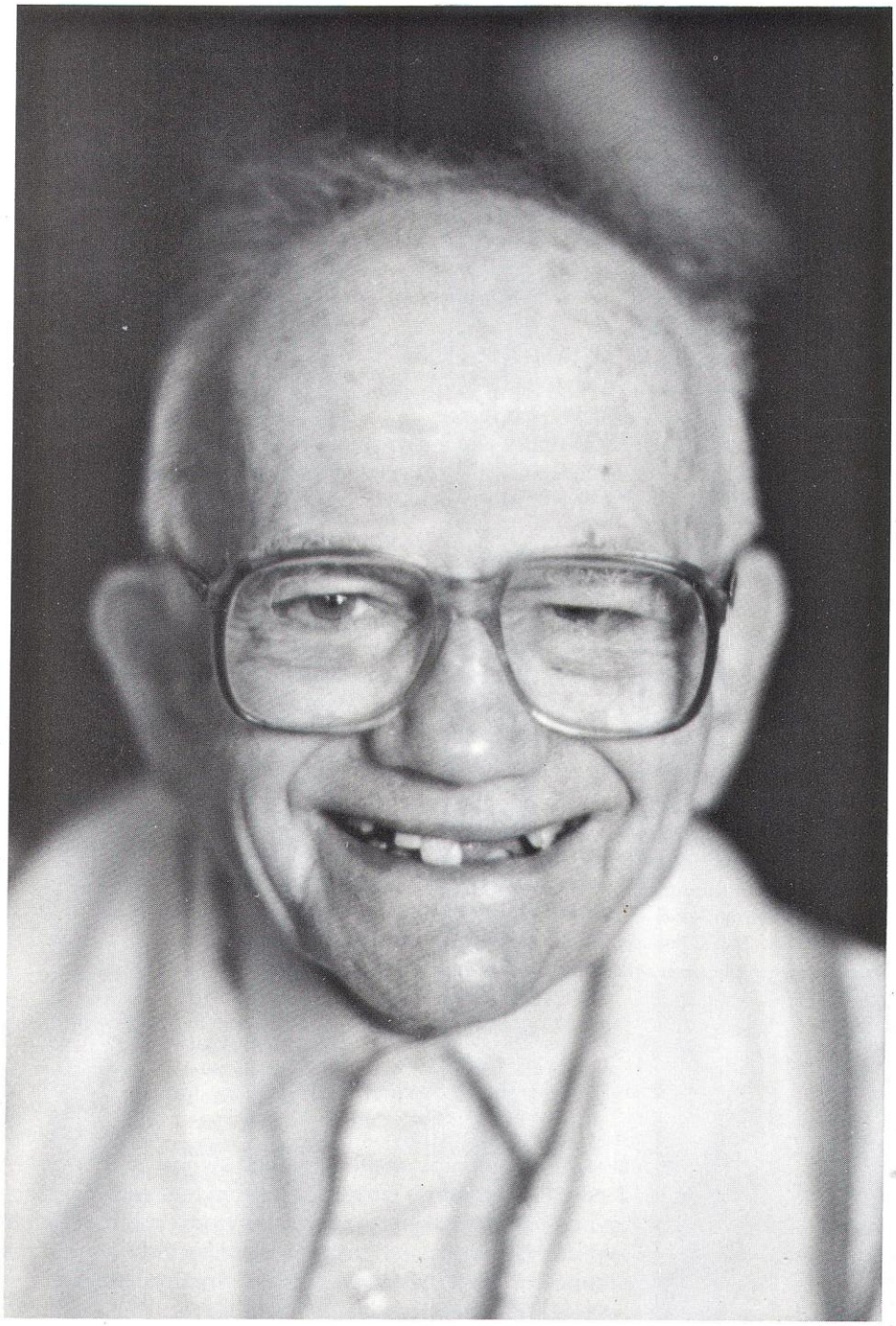
TBA means "to be announced"

• Swim Program Rules •

1. Club scheduled swims are restricted to club members only.
2. Swimmers are required to wear fluorescent orange caps on all scheduled swims.
3. Swimmers must be members in good standing with dues current and swim fees paid.
4. New members are not eligible to swim in scheduled swims for 6 months from their membership start.
5. Out-of-cove swims are limited to 60 swimmers and may be further limited by the Swim Commission.
6. Alcatraz and Golden Gate swims are limited to 75 swimmers; Alcatraz swimmers are chosen by lottery.
7. Swim sign-up sheets are posted two weeks prior to each swim.
8. Time limits are imposed and enforced for all swims.
9. All club boats are reserved for scheduled swims; riders are prohibited.

• Additional qualifications for Alcatraz and Golden Gate Swims •

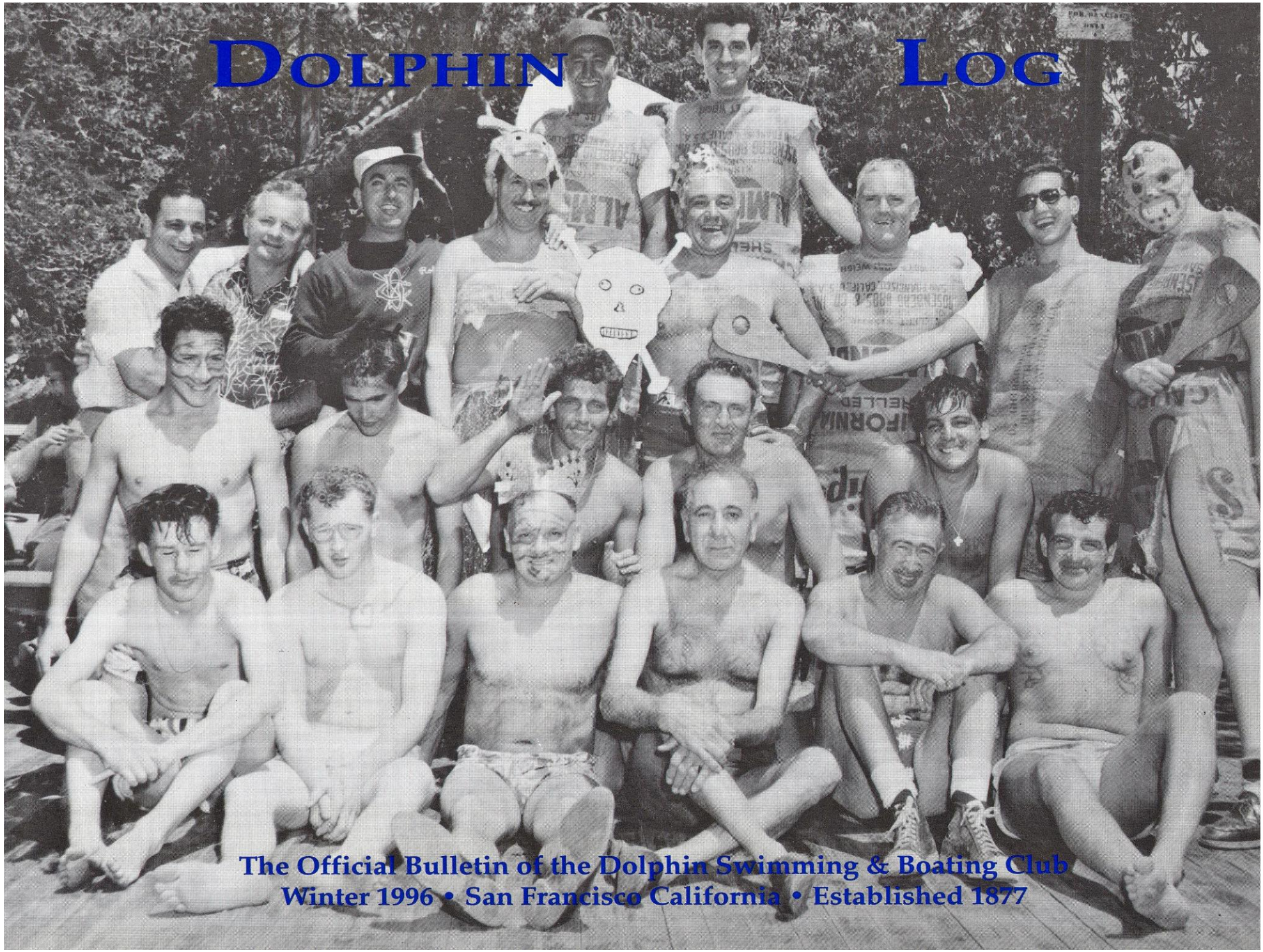
10. In-town members must successfully complete 2 swims marked with a wheel (]) and one other scheduled swim and pilot or help on at least 2 others.
11. Out-of-town members (those residing 100+ miles from the club) must have successfully completed 2 of the last 3 club scheduled Alcatraz and/or Golden Gate swims or meet rule 10 above.
12. Once a member has qualified for Alcatraz/Golden gate swims, non-qualified members will be given priority to



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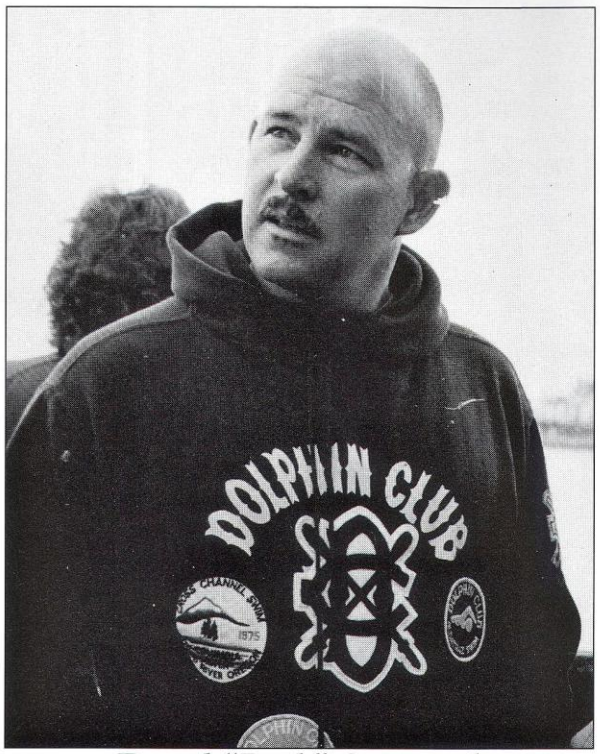
Kayak Classes Now Offered

For those of you who have been longing to try out kayaking on the bay, classes on kayak piloting are now offered at the Dolphin Club. Scheduled every other month, the in-depth classes will teach members piloting technique. Look for sign-up sheets around the Club.

On The Cover— Forty Years Ago

The photo on the cover, taken by Jerry Hawryluk, is of a typical Dolphin Club Initiation and Picnic. It was held in Paradise Park, Marin County on Sunday, July 15, 1956. Queen Neptune (Frank "Cecco" Mennucci) and King Neptune (Carl Noto) holding skull and crossbones, are shown after punishing a school of lowly pollywogs for their transgressions in the bay. Top Row: "Scotty" Tarantino, and Al Gragnani. Second row: Leo La Rocca, Gus Gelardi, Roland Demarais, Frank Mennucci, Carl Noto, Stan Rybicki, Bob Demo, and Nick Camarda. Third row: Pollywogs Frank Cannizzaro, Tom Gould, Joe Daniele, Bill O'Brien, and Vince Cannizzaro. Fourth row: Pollywogs Ray Belluomini Jr., Buddy Batt, Ed DeCossio Sr., John Sargis, John Boles, and Angelo Luigi.

—Walt Schneebeli



Darrel "Buck" Swannack

Letter to the Membership

The Dolphin Club is seen by both members and the public as a respected and time-honored institution, worthy of its notable reputation in the annals of City lore. Therefore, when libelous attacks, graffiti and altered official documents appear throughout the Club, it is a direct blow to members' morale and our public image.

The recent destruction of the 1995 Old-timer's group photo; posting of unsigned, malicious memos and the forged official minutes exemplify this negative element at the Club. These acts are beyond the sophomoric trends seen in recent years past and mark a course of destruction harmful on both a physical and an emotional level. Our reputation would be permanently marred should a misleading, or outright false, document be read by the public, or more specifically, our landlord, the City of San Francisco. Within the Club, members read such materials and question the integrity of the membership. Overall, such behavior demonstrates a lack of respect, not only for the membership, but for the Club itself.

Our Club is member-driven, for the members are the Club. While I realize our membership is broad and varied, membership is a privilege, and all actions related to the Club (whether positive or negative) reflect on it. I hope the membership will rise above these actions, discouraging such behavior. Needless to say, such conduct is unbecoming of a Dolphin. Though these may be the actions of few, it reflects on us all.

—David Zovickian

The Dolphin Log

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Locker Room Renovation

The first stage of the Dolphin Club renovation has begun under the watchful eye and steady hand of Lee Hammack. The project is on schedule. Both Lee and Dan Osborne have been a driving force in bringing our time honored building into the 21st century.

Lake Merced Rowing

Did you know that the Dolphin Club maintains a boathouse out at Lake Merced? Found below the cafe called the "The Boathouse," you will find an assortment of single and double sculls. The calm waters of the lake provide a different rowing experience. For information on rowing training at our Lake Merced Clubhouse, call Heinz Wichelhaus at 387-6143.

So Long Buck

On December 13, 1995, out-of-town member Buck Swannack died after a six month battle with cancer. He passed away at home in Houston, Texas in the company of his wife Aggie and his best friend Jimmy Anderson. Buck was 59. An avid swimmer and runner, he competed in the Alcatraz and Golden Gate swims repeatedly as well as the Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon. He was also a member of Dolphin South End Runners.

—James Weil

Dolphin Club Harassment Policy

The Dolphin Club disapproves of any form of unlawful harassment, verbal, physical or visual, between members of the Club. The Club also disapproves of any harassment on the basis of race, gender, color, ancestry, national origin, age, religion, physical or mental disability or medical condition, sexual orientation, or any other protected characteristic under Federal or state law. The Club considers harassment to be a serious issue which may result in discipline of offenders, up to and including termination.

Harassment is defined as a type of behavior or action with the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's use of Club facilities; or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

The Club strongly encourages any member who believes that he or she has been subjected to unlawful harassment to report the alleged incident to the Board of Governors.

First Woman Ever to Swim The Gate

Hazel Lagenour, the first woman to swim the Golden Gate, is the subject of a presentation scheduled for Saturday, February 17, 1996 at 7 p.m. in the Zahler Room. Slides of Ms. Lagenour, who accomplished her feat in 1911, will be presented along with a short tape of the actual swim! Hazel's grandson Marc Richard, a Dolphin Club member,

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Dolphin Club Milestones 1995

Life Members

Larry Cordellos Joined February 1970
Stan Hlynsky Joined February 1970
Joseph "Jack" Giacomini Joined April 1970
Jack Bettencourt Joined June 1970
Darrel "Buck" Swannack Joined July 1970
Murray Alstott Joined September 1970
Thomas McMahon Joined November 1970

Golden Dolphin Membership
(fifty years)

Pasquale "Pat" Gelardi Joined September 1945

Deaths

Walter Stack
Joined June 1965
Died January 19, 1995

Gino Lucchesi
June 1932
Died February 15, 1995

Paul "Lucky" Kanstoroom
Joined November 1967
Died July 29, 1995

Dino Landucci Sr.
Joined February 1935
Died August 10, 1995

Allie Bogart
Joined February 1966
Died December 3, 1995

Darrel "Buck" Swannack
Joined July 1970
Died December 14, 1995

Charles Rockwood
Joined August 1977
Died December 27, 1995

Compiled By Walt Schneebeli

President's Report

By David Zovickian

The New Year

While each year the Dolphin Club strives to reach certain goals, 1996 will prove to be an important year for the overall direction of the Club. I look forward to the upcoming year's challenges and triumphs.

Some of the issues I will address include: budget concerns, contracts and, the heart of the Club, volunteering.

The locker room remodeling project is the first of many tangible advancements toward the year's goals. Specifically, the increase in women's membership will be reflected in their new, larger locker room. Additionally, the project complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act — making accessibility to the Club safer and more convenient for our senior and disabled members and guests.

While moving forward with this modernization, the Board is laying the groundwork to renew our lease with the City of San Francisco, which expires in 2004. By acting now, we assure a smooth transition into the 21st century.

With regard to contractual issues, fleet maintenance, repair and construction will continue to be performed by Clinker Marine. The existing contract has been renewed through March 1996—allowing time for revisions to comply with state and federal guidelines governing independent contractors.

Budgetary issues and management of Club funds, as always, are paramount. Due to overhead and related expenses exceeding $250,000 annually, it is essential that the Club govern its finances responsibly. Therefore, all Club programs will be required to develop budgets (which must be adhered to) that realistically reflect the needs of members. To ensure this, budgets will be subject to quarterly review.

Understandably, volunteerism is the cornerstone of the Club's success; not only do our efforts improve the physical aspects of the Club, they also help foster the emotional "club" we all enjoy visiting. It is the invaluable time and effort given by our members that truly support the Club.

A few of the many examples include: Moon Pasanissi wielding his paint and brush and Dan McGill, his carpentry tools. As Club architects, Lee Hammack and Dan Osborne contribute hundreds of hours developing drawings and securing the whirlwind of permits which help shape our club.

The Tuesday night boat-building program is another example of members contributing their talents to the Club. With the help of contractors, our treasured wooden boat fleet is continually repaired, varnished and rebuilt.

Additionally, our Lake Merced facility, which offers members an excellent opportunity to experience open water shell rowing, is staffed by dedicated members such as Jim Storm and Heinz Wichelhaus.

These collective efforts provide immeasurable benefits to our club; though, all members can support the Club and its activities beyond the mere structure of the Club. Our athletic programs are always in need of an extra set of hands. For instance, the swim program needs help on the dock, in the pilot fleet and with administration. Likewise, as the boating program expands from our classic Whitehall fleet to include kayaks and motor craft, we'll need members to contribute their expertise in training, operation, maintenance and administration.

The future of the Dolphin Club largely depends on the efforts of our entire membership. Your contributions determine how successful we are at maintaining those aspects of the Club we deem important. Namely, swimming, boating, working out, playing handball or perhaps most importantly, maintaining the Club as an escape from the pressures and stress of everyday life.

In keeping with this goal, I expect each member to respect the rights and privileges of other members. Intolerance or abuse of any kind will not be accepted. Violations will be dealt with in accordance with our bylaws.

As President, one of my primary goals is to contribute to and foster an environment that allows each member to utilize the facilities and participate in the programs with ease and pleasure. I encourage your interest, support and participation in the Club and its myriad activities. If you have something to offer the Club, whether it is time, a particular skill, words of encouragement or criticism, feel free to let me know. I am hear to serve the membership and look forward to all members' contributions.

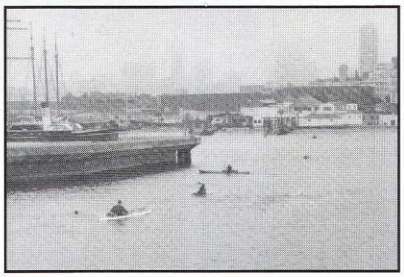
I can be reached in the early morning on the beach, in the men's locker room shortly thereafter or through my club mailbox, located off the Staib Room, at any time. Also, Board Members and Commissioners are available to hear comments (and the like) too!

A Swim
By Bill Aneli

Waist, stomach, chest, how needle cold!
A last stand before the plunge,
dry head bracing for frigid submersion.
Ready to drive all the way in.

Chill throughout and
Awake, Awave, Awash
in this flat gray city Ocean
encircled by American skylines,
manzanita hills...

To the Opening...
that portal to familiar beyonds:
Looming Angel over Alcatraz—
uncovered freedom...
Big sheets of nacreous,
grey sky covering
flat, wind-broken seas.



Float here atop saltwater.
Scavenger gulls
fishing in foam,
Perching on piers.

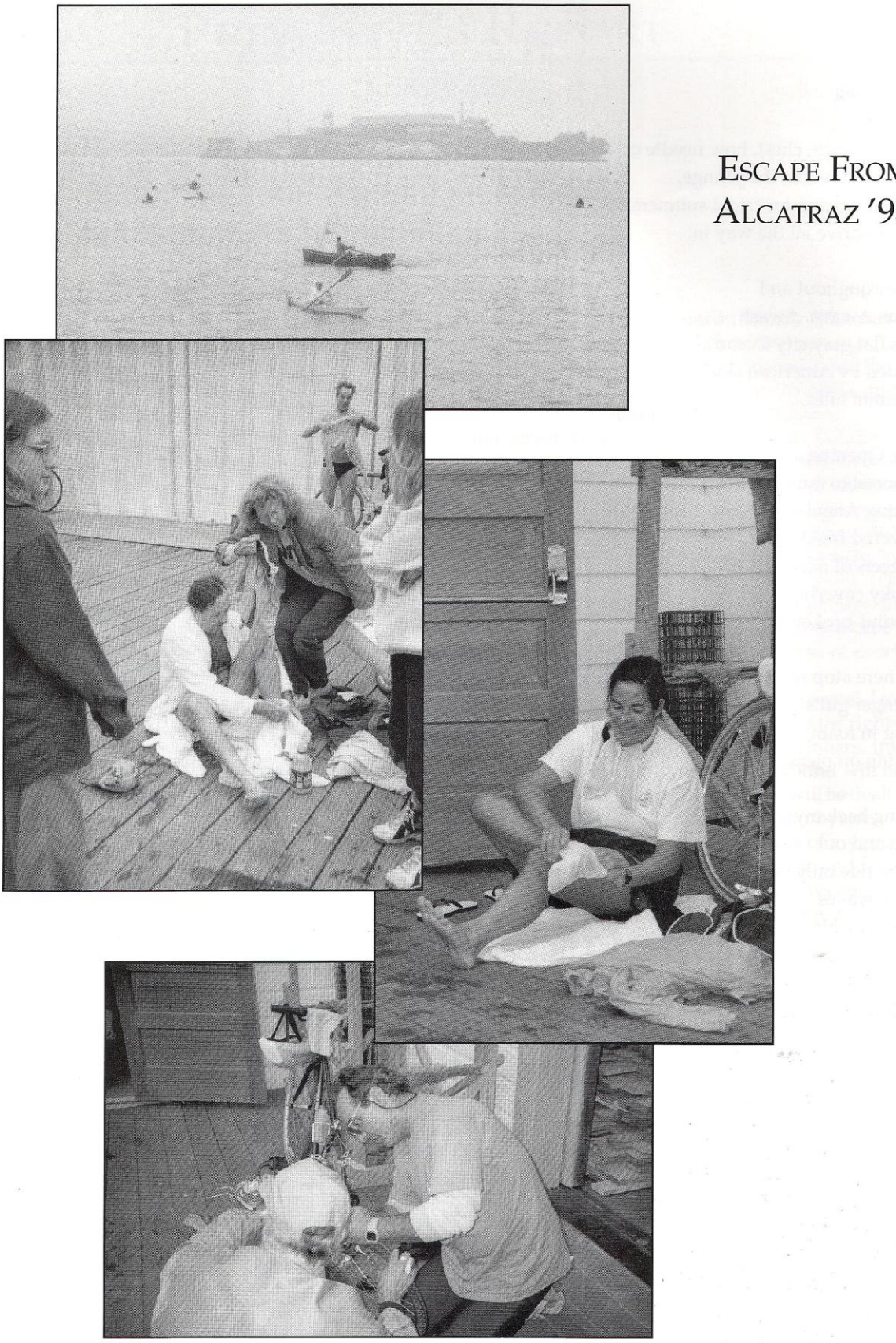
Drifting back my thoughts
ebb in and out
like the tide only faster
like the waves
rolling, crashing,
disappearing, resurfing...

Now arching,
tired hand out pulling—
through this fluid Earth
and eye-ing that
orange-striped pinman
of a white buoy—
that indestructible, decaying plastic thing.

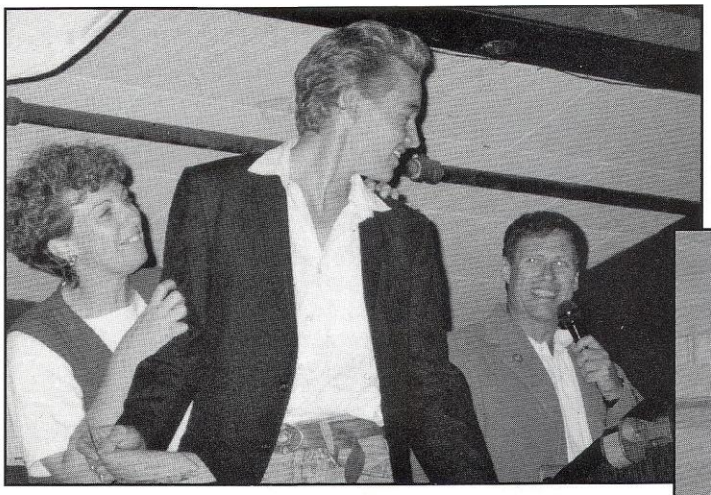
Marking for Eternity
those final
Dolphin turns toward
sauna and steam.

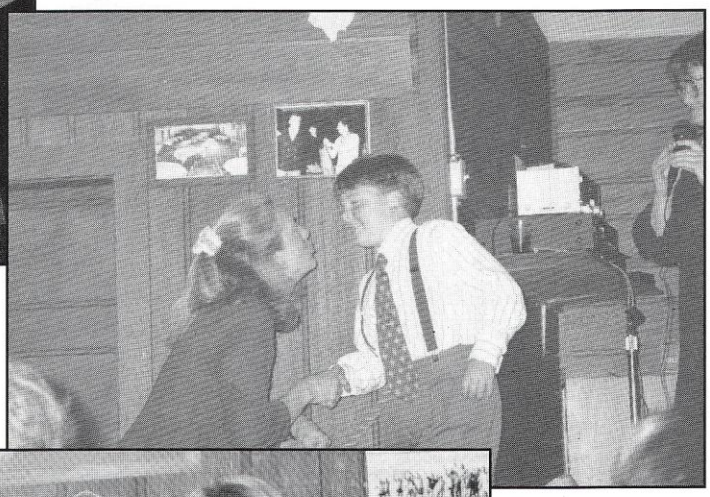
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Escape From Alcatraz '95

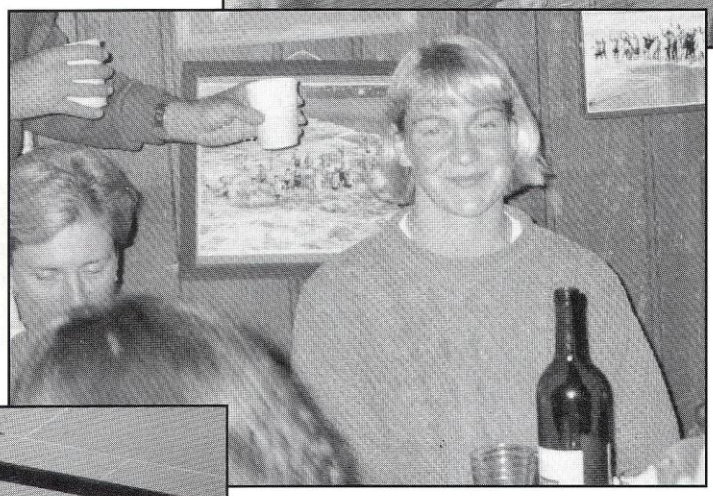


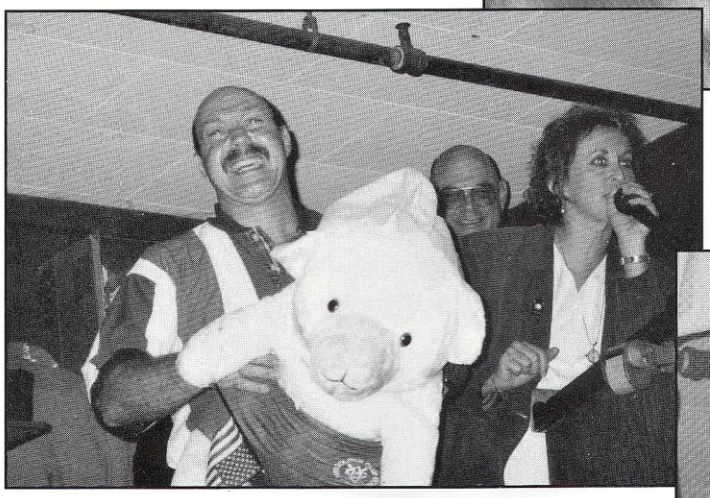
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Pilot/ Swimmer Appreciation Dinner







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will share some reminiscences about his grandmother and her historic accomplishment. For further information contact Bill Pickelhaupt.

Letters to the Editors

Dolphin Member Brian Gilbert sent me some supplemental information on the British study of "cold-water immersion" which I read about in the 1994 Winter issue of the *Dolphin Log*. I followed it up for a number of reasons, and have now completed their volunteer program.



Photograph by John Perino

The main reason was that about a year and a half ago I suffered a heart attack that was treated with an angioplasty, the procedure where they surgically push the artery back into shape with a tiny balloon, and hope that it will stay that way. My cardiologist, a golfer who knows zilch about swimming, told me no more cold water swimming. Evidently I objected strongly enough that he noted it in my record.

And so, thanks to you and the *Dolphin Log* and my perseverance, I became a volunteer at the Beatrice Hydrotherapy Research Centre in London, where they are putting a thousand volunteers through a program of cold-water baths to see if they get medically beneficial results. The baths start at 24 degrees Centigrade and progress over 90 days down to 14 degrees Centigrade. I went back to London at the end of the 90 days for the series of hi-tech tests that tells them what they want to know. Sure enough: for me, anyway, my blood is now making more of its own TPA, the blood thinner that costs $10,000 a shot when you get it in the hospital emergency room.

14 degrees is, of course, just nice for any Dolphin. The only trouble with the program is that you have to warm up "naturally"—that is, no saunas or hot tubs. That takes some getting used to.

The British vascular surgeon at the Centre told me that there was absolutely no reason for me not to swim in the beautiful waters of Monterey and Carmel Bay, since I am acclimated to it. I haven't told my cardiologist yet.

Thank you both for putting me onto this.

Best regards,
Rod Macleod

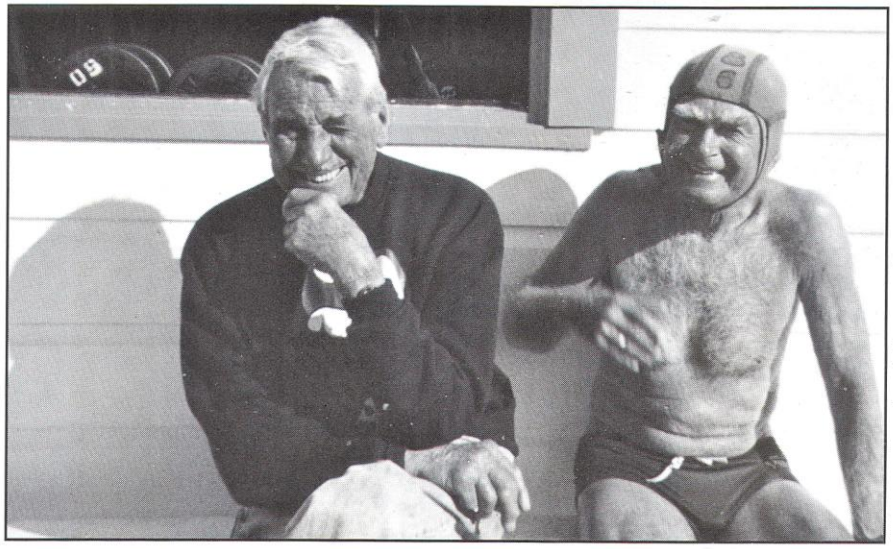
To All Members: Please note, that any guest using any of the facility, must sign the waiver at the front entrance and pay a $6.50 guest fee. There are no exceptions.

Results for the 1996 Term of the Board of Governors

These election results may have been influenced by a mailing that was sent out during the election that did not comply with the Bylaws. Any member who desires to challenge the results of this election may due so pursuant to the following article in the Bylaws:

Article III, Section 7: Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Governors or by five (5%) percent or more of the membership for any lawful purpose; or

Article IV, Section 8: Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the president or at written request of twenty five (25) members. No other business than that for which the meeting was called shall be transacted.



Photograph by Anne E. Sasaki

Election Results

Vice President		
Pat North	337	*Unopposed*
Financial Secretary		
Suzie Dods	364	*Unopposed*
Treasurer		
Lorna Newlin	362	*Unopposed*
President		
David Zovickian	257	*Elected*
Ken Coren	194	
Recording Secretary		
Kate Coleman	293	*Elected*
Matthew Sheridan	154	
Boathouse Captain		
Jeremy West	213	
Alberto de la Peña	233	*Elected*
Board of Governors		
Bill Pickelhaupt	68	
Kevin Hartnett	238	Elected
Patrick Freilinger	141	
Gary Ehrsam	44	
David Copeland	169	
Monica Towers	150	
Krist Jake	138	
Deborah Henning	128	
Neil Hartnett	145	
Kenneth Frank	265	Elected
Laura Burtch	258	Elected
Nancy Friedman	215	Elected
Pete Bianucci	341	Elected
Eric Mellinger	85	
Meg Reilly	339	Elected
Phil Fernandez	180	Elected
Ruben P. Hechanova	176	
Mag Donaldson	197	Elected
John Perino	117	
Dan Osborne	348	Elected

From the Editors

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of the *Dolphin Log* is March 15, 1996. We know there are many aspiring and established artists alike among our membership...we want to reach out to you. Feel free to contribute a story, ideas, photos, drawings, sketches, cartoons or archives that you think would be of interest to Dolphins. Leave your material in our box in the Staib Room, mail it to the Dolphin Club care of the editors, or approach us in person.

The Dolphin Club Fund

By Joe Cowan, David Copeland, and Nancy Friedman

If you swim in the Bay, you know first hand the pleasures of cultivating a sport with lifelong health benefits. Now you can help less fortunate San Francisco kids share the same opportunity.

In this year's dues bill, you'll see a letter asking you to contribute to the Dolphin Club Fund. The fund, created in conjunction with the San Francisco Foundation, is a tax-deductible way for Club members to support the San Francisco Park and Recreation youth swimming programs—programs whose city funding is being seriously threatened.

The Dolphin Club can reach out to our community by becoming an advocate for youth swimming. For many of us, there was a "special someone" in our childhood, who spent time and money to teach us to swim. Today we enjoy the physical, social, and for some, spiritual benefits of the Club. Swimming, rowing and handball enrich our lives. Dolphins are now in a unique position to offer encouragement and assistance to some of the young people who have missed these opportunities.

The fund, which is endorsed by the Dolphin Club Board of Governors, was conceived by member Joe Cowan as a way for the Dolphin Club to reach out to our community. Voluntary contributions are made directly by individuals, not out of the Club's coffers. Donations can include memorial gifts and estate planning bequests.

Look for the first annual appeal to arrive in the 1996 dues bill. With this year's goal set at $2,500.00, we hope to make an impact in some childrens' lives. Dolphin Members Dan and Mimi Osborne's children learned to swim in municipal pools, and according to Mimi, "the programs are always short of money and cuts are a constant threat."

When the appeal letter arrives, become a pioneer—make a contribution and insure your name appears on the inaugural role. Your generosity will benefit others and add warmth to the great Dolphin Spirit.

Pete and Pat's Swim Report

By Pete Bianucci and Pat North

Competition Proves Tough With South End

The Dolphin/South End Interclub Triathlon began with a swim from Yacht Harbor. It was a calm morning with a mild flood. Becky Fenson led the pack, with three South Enders taking second, third and fourth place. The run to Fort Point and return saw the South End taking the first three places with Dolphin Gabe Scurlock in fourth.

The row around Alcatraz showed the South End's prominence in doubles rowing. They took both first and second place. Phil Reiff lead the singles pack with Bill Pickelhaupt and Greg LaRoche taking third and fourth place.

Overall, the South End carried the day with 376 points. The Dolphin Club tallied 221. The South End outnumbered and outplaced the Dolphin Club, but wait 'till next year! A fine brunch followed, with Dan and Mimi Osborne and Padraic Doyle on galley detail.

Dolphin/South End Interclub Triathlon

Saturday, October 21, 1995

—Swim—

1.	Becky Fenson	DC	28:03
2.	Fred Ferragino	SE	28:48
3.	Bill Eason	SE	29:02
4.	Joel Wilson	SE	29:03
5.	John Selmer	DC	29:17
6.	Laura Burtch	DC	30:20
7.	Tom Keller	DC	30:35
8.	Alex Johnson	SE	32:06
9.	Jeff Gunderson	DC	32:06
10.	Mary Lee	SE	32:09
11.	Chris Rondents	SE	32:22
12.	Rick Bartels	SE	32:45
13.	Chris Kelly	DC	32:51
14.	Barbara C.	SE	32:52
15.	Julia Buck	SE	32:53
16.	Jon Nakamura	DC	34:29
17.	George Kebbe	DC	34:31
18.	Diane Davis	SE	34:40
19.	Larry Scroggins	DC	35:03
20.	Ted Gilchrist	SE	35:04
21.	Mike Laramie	SE	35:23
22.	Mike Webb	DC	35:42
23.	Steve Jones	SE	35:58
24.	Vince Fausone	SE	36:39
25.	Dan Osborne	DC	36:45
26.	Bob Roper	SE	37:44
27.	Dave Deasy	SE	38:06
28.	Pauline Yeckly	SE	38:07
29.	Roddy Bottom	SE	38:15
30.	Allen Levenson	SE	38:53
31.	Lorna Newlin	DC	39:30
32.	Tina Scott	DC	40:50
33.	Keith Nowell	SE	42:41
34.	Alican Cowan	SE	43:30
35.	Gina DiGrazia	SE	43:35
36.	Tony DuComb	DC	44:55
37.	Mike Lagios	SE	45:20
38.	Lindsey Casablanca	DC	45:34
39.	Bruce Armbruster	SE	46:13
40.	Jeanette Conally	SE	46:50
41.	Era Osibe	DC	47:10
42.	Courtney Clarkson	SE	48:53

—Run—

1.	Glen Redpath	SE	40:37
2.	Vince Fausone	SE	41:56
3.	John Churton	SE	46:49
4.	Gabe Scurlock	DC	47:48
5.	Leland Faust	SE	48:49
6.	Keith Nowell	SE	48:53
7.	Ken Coren	DC	49:49
8.	Pat Cunnen	SE	51:28
9.	Rick Driemyer	SE	51:40
10.	Mike Laramie	SE	52:24
11.	Mike Webb	DC	52:56
12.	Tony DuComb	DC	53:06
13.	John Selmer	DC	53:24
14.	John Gregson	SE	53:13
15.	Rich Cooper	DC	55:29
16.	Buck Delventhal	SE	56:33
17.	Matt Davis	SE	57:56
18.	Tina Scott	DC	1:11:52

—Row—

Doubles

1.	R. Moore/T. McInerney	SE	22:35
2.	Calder Brothers	SE	25:49
3.	E. Barranco/P. Doyle	DC	DNF

Singles

1.	Phil Reiff	DC	32:49
2.	Jim Flack	SE	35:02
3.	Bill Picklehaupt	DC	37:11
4.	Greg Laroche	DC	37:16
5.	Ted Gilchrist	SE	39:47

—Total Points—

1.	South End Rowing Club	376
2.	Dolphin Club	221



Photograph by John Perino

Escape From Alcatraz
Sunday, October 29

The day started with an extra hour as the daylight savings was nigh. There was high fog on the bay but a friendly tide. Diane Abele led the Escapers in the swim with a 31:41. Comeback of the day was Rory Moore, who finished last in the swim, a 62:49, but crossed the bridge at Old Mill park, number eight overall, with a 4:32:00.

The bicycle dash was uneventful, with average times falling between 50 and 60 minutes.

It was a fine day for a double Dipsea run. The fog was high and kept the mercury at manageable levels. Marin Amateur Radio Club monitored the progress of the runners. The club has helped us out at every one of our triathlons, and the smoothness and safety of our races would not be as secure without them. Mag Donaldson provided "Gu" for the event but it was unfortunately misdirected. The Water Store, in the Bon Aire shopping center provided pure water. It was used at Muir woods and Old Mill park, where a water supply is difficult to obtain. Many thanks for their donation.

Speaking of which, many thanks to all the people that helped. Volunteers spent the entire day and made the '95 Escape a successful, if intimate, event.

A dinner and awards ceremony was held after the Escape.

Pilots: Lee Hammack, Linda Stanley, Ned Viall, John Davies, Susan Allen, Gary Ersham, Jeff Weinstein, Margaret Keenan, Colin Gift, Mary Verdon, Rich Tulis, Gina Rus, Dave Covell, Avril McHugh, Larry Scroggins, Laura Burtch, Jerry Cullen, Kruger, Davis, Neil Hartnett, Matt Sheridan, Rich Cooper, Al De La Pena, Chris Bergan, Kristen Nakazawa, Andy Camous, Dan Osborne, George Robin, Jenny North, Tom Kuglen, Kevin Hartnett, Dave Zovickian, Elmer Tosta, and nine South End Pilots.
Timers: Mimi Osborne, Laura Merkl, Mike D'Nunzio, Tom Gould, Jan Brewer.
Aid Stations: Dennis Watson, Pavla Podalska, Dan McGill, Keith Weaver, Caitlin Smith, Ann Tingley, Bill Wilson, Carol Watson, Monica Towers, Margaret Keenan.
Cooks and Setup: Mimi Osborne, Mike D'Nunzio, Jackie Merovich, John Perino, Elizabeth Dennehy, Colin Gift, Gina Rus, Dan Osborne, Bill Pickelhaupt, Fran Collier.

Escape From Alcatraz - Sunday, October 29

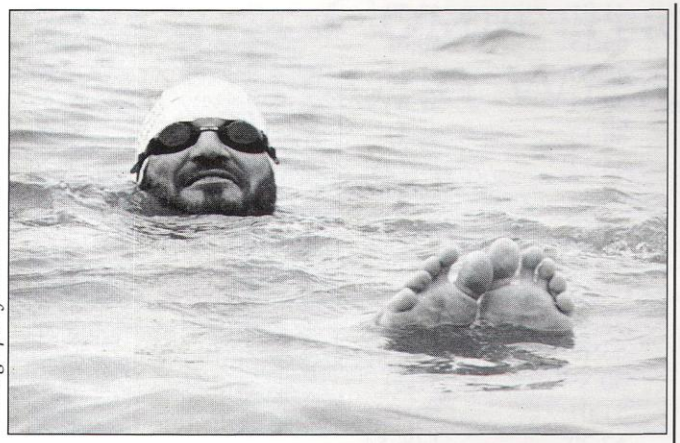
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2. Allen Calder	41:01	45:59	2:33:20	4:00:20
3. Mike Laramie	44:15	50:01	2:35:28	4:19:44
4. Caxton Rhodes	43:05	51:12	2:46:45	4:21:02
5. Todd Oppenheimer	42:05	52:00	2:53:07	4:27:12
6. Jeff Woodhead	46:13	56:52	2:45:18	4:28:23
7. Mark McKee	45:22	1:01:00	2:43:13	4:29:35
8. Rory Moore	62:49	57:43	2:31:28	4:32:00
9. John Selmer	31:52	1:03:00	3:02:27	4:34:22
10. Diane Abele	31:41	1:01:49	3:10:16	4:43:46
11. Mike Webb	41:28	52:50	3:13:02	4:47:20
12. Andy Field	43:13	1:01:33	3:06:24	4:51:24
13. Tony DuComb	53:13	1:05:27	2:52:52	4:51:32
14. Matt Davis	50:33	51:44	3:14:36	4:56:53
15. Tom Callinan	51:07	50:43	3:14:03	4:56:53
16. Ken Coren	52:20	1:06:54	2:59:50	4:59:04
17. Gabe Scurlock	1:01:27	59:47	3:05:54	5:05:08
18. Keith Nowell	52:09	1:01:59	3:14:58	5:09:06
19. Bill Callahan	58:54	1:04:51	3:06:13	5:09:58
20. David Blende	49:21	1:01:39	3:21:05	5:12:05
21. Sunny McKee	46:09	1:08:21	3:20:46	5:15:16
22. Krist Jake	49:21	1:06:09	3:20:12	5:15:42
23. Jon Nakamura	42:42	57:42	3:35:52	5:16:16
24. Hal Cranston	51:38	1:16:43	3:22:25	5:30:37
25. Julie Marcus	54:13	1:13:27	3:27:36	5:35:16
26. Linda Righetti	59:28	1:11:06	3:26:46	5:37:20
27. Tina Scott	46:25	1:08:45	3:48:57	5:44:07
28. Lorna Newlin	44:48	1:13:22	3:48:59	5:47:09
29. Mike Lagios	55:44	1:05:46	3:46:05	5:51:35
30. Mary Cantini-Norkin	1:02:20	1:14:20	3:34:55	5:51:35
31. Tom Linthigm	49:21	1:17:14	3:45:08	5:51:43
32. Suzie Dods	40:26	1:12:45	4:16:27	6:09:38
33. Pete Nubauer	46:07	1:12:03	4:17:28	6:15:38
34. Dennis Tison	46:30	1:21:52	4:14:10	6:22:32

—Relays—

	Swim	Bike	Run	Total
1. Jeff Gunderson	35:38			
John Kaplanis		47:32		
Glen Redpath			1:58:35	
				3:22:05
2. Diane Davis	39:14			
Laura Small		51:21		
Tom McInerney			2:09:20	
				3:39:55
3. Eduardo Barranco	48:21	1:00:42		
Ron Shroth			2:20:44	4:29:47
4. Steve Worthington	53:49			
Peter Butler		59:20		NTR

Dolphin Swim Statistics

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Golden Gate Slow Day
August 19, 1995

1.	Bonnie Winn	34:06
2.	Mark Mckee	36:39
3.	Conrad Liberty	38:37
	Caxton Rhodes	38:37
4.	Rich Cooper	39:49
5.	Susan Anson	40:15
6.	Krist Jake	40:48
7.	Mark Ontiveros	41:29
8.	Steve Worthington	42:16
9.	Sunny McKee	42:30
10.	David Brandt	42:38
11.	Pam Stillwagon	42:43
12.	Lee Hammack	42:57
13.	Susan Cobb	43:42
14.	Signe Copeland	44:04
15.	Phil Fernandez	44:31
16.	Keith Nelson	44:48
17.	Denise Vore	46:37
18.	Tony DuComb	47:16
19.	Jackie Merovich	47:27
20.	Hal Cranston	48:13
21.	Dennis Williams	50:11
22.	Kevin Hartnett	50:17
23.	George Robin	50:21
24.	John Hornor	50:32
25.	Roger Kleid	51:03
26.	Jerry Cullen	52:04
27.	Mary Verdon	52:08
28.	Noel Turner	53:03
29.	Nancy Hornor	53:34
30.	Gabe Scurlock	53:42
31.	Francesca Cervantes	54:08
32.	John Conti	54:10
33.	Lindsay Casablanca	54:28
35.	Era Osibe	55:15
	Flicka McGurrin	55:15
	Susan Lauritzen	55:15
	Joe Cowan	55:15
36.	Bill Callahan	55:35
37.	Leslie Callan	57:27
38.	Linda Righetti	59:26
39.	Marc Richard	59:55
40.	Rocky Muzzin	61:24
41.	Nick Strelchuk	63:38
42.	Will Powning	69:42
43.	Chuck Vogt	73:48
44.	Gary Ehrsam	74:22
45.	Pavla Podalska	87:01
46.	Steve North	88:09

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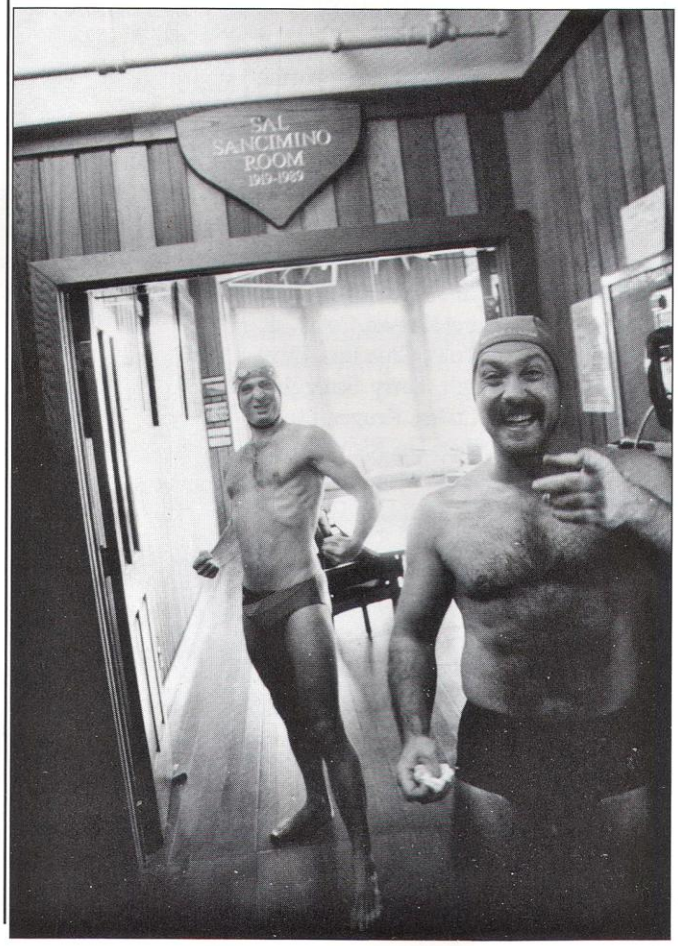
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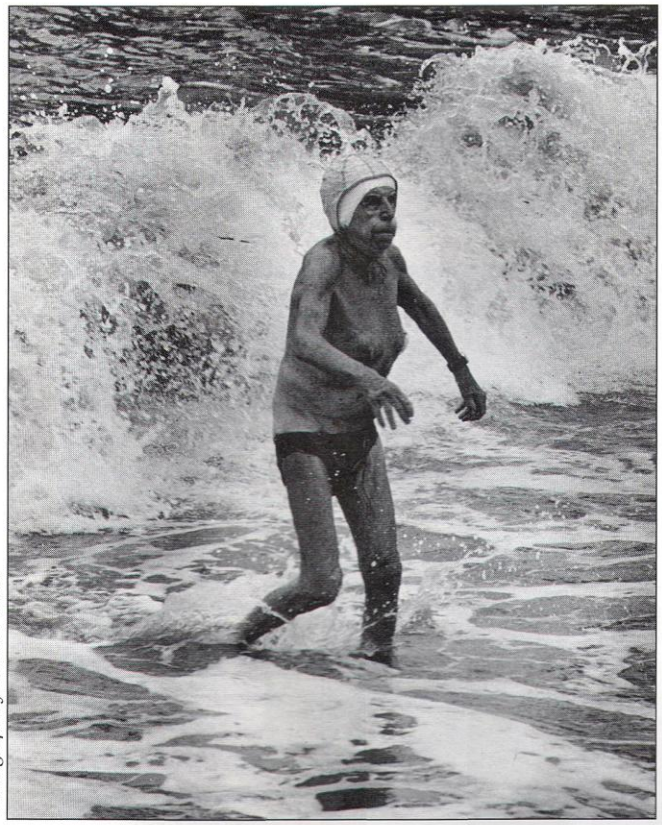
Fort Point
August 26, 1995

1.	Suzanne Heim	1:05:20
2.	Becky Fenson	1:07:08
3.	Laura Burtch	1:09:33
4.	John Selmer	1:09:34
5.	Tom Keller	1:11:14
6.	John Davies	1:13:55
7.	Jon Nakamura	1:20:00
8.	George Kebbe	1:23:41
9.	Laura Merkl	1:23:48
10.	Pam Derks	1:24:14
11.	Pat McGarvey	1:29:34
12.	Larry Scroggins	1:32:00
13.	Conrad von B.	1:33:14
14.	Todd Oppenheimer	1:35:15
15.	Barnaby Payne	1:37:55
16.	Phil Rollins	1:38:54
17.	Krist Jake	1:39:15
18.	Kate Coleman	1:39:50
19.	Jean Howe	1:44:41
20.	Susan Anson	1:52:08
21.	Pete Neubauer	1:54:37
22.	Signe Copeland	2:06:45
23.	Lorna Newlin	2:07:48
24.	Doug Chambers	2:19:28
25.	Jim Grant	2:24:15

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Kelly, Flicka McGurrin, David Broadbear, Pete Bianucci, Andy Camous, Pat North, Jim Fagan, and Al de la Peña.

Twilight Gas House Cove
September 3, 1995

1.	Becky Fenson	18:55
2.	John Selmer	19:31
3.	Tom Keller	19:42
4.	Diane Abele	20:05
5.	Laura Burtch	20:49
5.	John Davis	20:49
7.	Chris Kelly	21:03
8.	Candace Kelly	22:20
9.	Jon Nakamura	22:35
10.	George Kebbe	22:43
11.	Karen Drucker	23:31
12.	Pam Derks	24:53
13.	Elmer Tosta	25:34
14.	Kelly Flynn	25:52
15.	Eric Mellinger	25:53
16.	Kate Coleman	26:19
17.	Megan Sullivan	26:25
18.	Linda Stanley	26:31
19.	Eric Shackleford	27:35
20.	Janice Kelly	28:16
21.	Mark McKee	28:36
22.	Tina Scott	29:00
23.	Barry Christian	29:05
24.	LizAnn Schiff	29:07
25.	Pam Stillwagon	29:22
26.	Ken Coren	29:45
27.	Sunny McKee	29:46
28.	Carol Murphy	31:29
29.	Steve Worthington	33:07
30.	Jacqueline Merovich	33:13
31.	John Conti	33:59
32.	Leslie Callan	35:23
33.	Flicka McGurrin	35:30
34.	Jan Brewer	35:38
35.	Susan Lauritzen	35:51
36.	Noel Turner	36:33
37.	Neil Fishman	39:35
38.	Nick Strelchuk	39:57
39.	Nick Zoller	44:42

Handicap Cove
September 16, 1995

1. Jan Brewer
2. Doug Chambers
3. Neal Fishman
4. Sue Garfield
5. Susan Laritzen
6. James Mason
7. Candace Kelly
8. Mim Osborne
9. David Broadbear
10. Laura Burtch
10. Suzie Dods
11. Dan Osborne
12. Steve North
13. Nancy Friedman
14. Jimmy Vanya
15. Noel Turner
16. Gabe Scurlock
17. Pete Bianucci
18. David Copeland
19. Bill Powning
20. George Kebbe

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Alcatraz
September 30, 1995

1.	Suzanne Heim	30:29
2.	Diane Abele	32:02
3.	Jim Mason	34:00
4.	Laura Burtch	35:25
5.	Candace Kelly	37:12
6.	Peter Drino	38:01
7.	Eric Colberg	38:35
8.	Pam Derks	39:02
9.	Laura Merkl	39:11
10.	George Kebbe	40:10
11.	Kelly Flynn	40:56
12.	Dan Osborne	41:20
13.	Pat McGarvey	41:59
	Diane Sosnoski	41:59
14.	Tom Hofmann	42:25
15.	David Shutt	42:54
16.	Conrad von B.	43:26
17.	Larry Scroggins	43:29
18.	Mark McKee	45:43
19.	Megan Sullivan	46:22
20.	Eric Schackelford	46:30
21.	Sunny Mckee	46:50
22.	Vince Huang	47:54
23.	Liz Anne Schiff	47:59
24.	Nancy Friedman	48:10
25.	Caxton Rhodes	49:25
26.	Lee Hammack	49:28
27.	Mark Lubiczewski	50:00
28.	Signe Copeland	50:36
29.	Lorna Newlin	50:45
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35.	Keith Nelson	53:39
36.	Phil Rieff	54:05
37.	Steve Worthington	54:11
38.	Mark Ontiveros	54:21
	Jackie Merovich	54:21
39.	Mary Verdon	55:02
40.	John Hornor	55:58
41.	Jerry Cullen	56:11
42.	Sue Garfield	57:05
43.	Dave Copeland	57:39
44.	Carla Curtis	58:30
45.	Dennis Williams	58:39
46.	Nancy Hornor	59:00
47.	Anna Henry	59:11
48.	Susan Lauritzen	59:50
49.	Jim Grant	60:23
50.	Doug Chambers	60:38
51.	Francesca Cervantes	60:46
52.	Joe Cowan	60:55
53.	Leslie Callan	61:08
54.	Neal Fishman	66:13
55.	Gary Ehrsam	71:44
56.	Will Powning	74:33
57.	Sandy Dean	84:02
58.	David Broadbear	84:35
59.	Pavla Podolska	89:29



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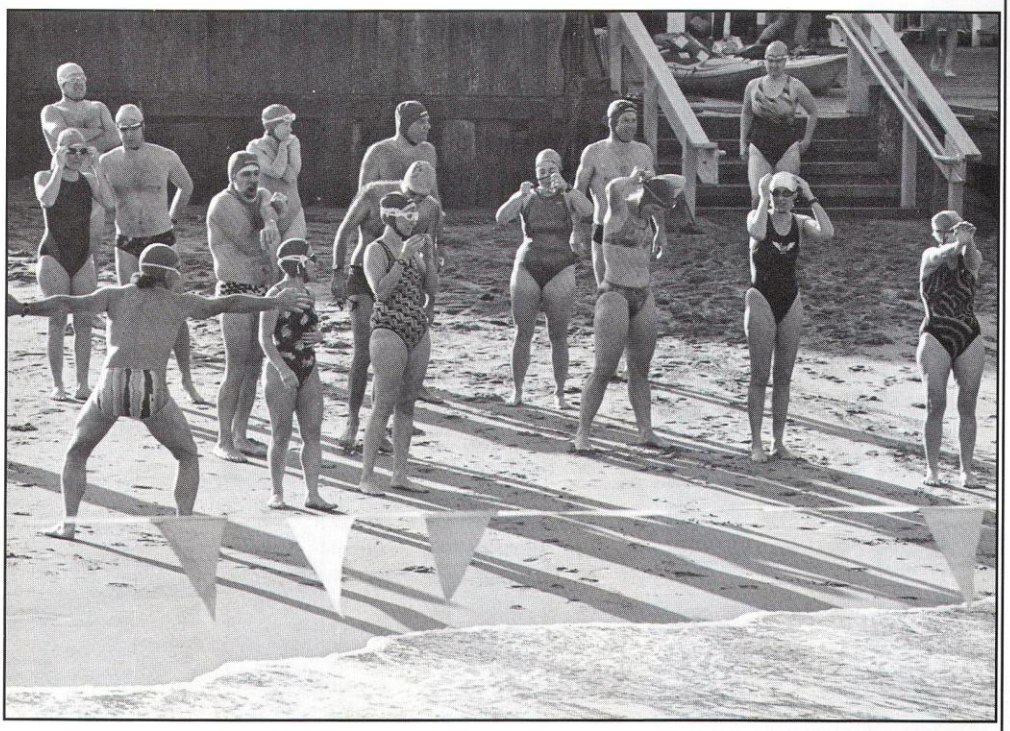
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13. George Kebbe 29:12
14. Alan Budenz 29:22
15. Pat McGarvey 29:23
16. Todd Oppenheimer 29:50
17. Eric Larsen 30:17
18. Mickey LaVelle 30:26
19. Larry Scroggins 30:27
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Golden Gate - Fast Day
September 17, 1995

1. Suzanne Heim 22:10
2. John Selmer 24:18
3. Laura Burtch 25:36
4. James Mason 26:30
5. Bill Van Horne 26:44
6. Monique Garvin 26:46
7. Dave Bonetti 26:51
8. Candace Kelly 27:08
9. Steve Walker 27:39
10. Peter Drino 29:07
11. Jon Nakamura 28:18
12. David Rich 29:07
21. Kelly Flynn 30:46
22. Eric Mellinger 30:48
23. Pam Derks 30:53
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29. Ed Urban 33:57
30. Jeff Weinstein 34:04
31. Pete Neubauer 34:31
32. Joni Beemsterboer 34:52
33. Vince Huang 35:00
34. Mark O'Hara 35:28
35. Lorna Newlin 35:38
36. Barry Christian 36:05
37. Tina Scott 36:36
38. Van Metaxas 37:12
39. Ken Coren 37:26
40. Tom Allen 40:39

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New Year's Day Cove
January 1, 1996

1. David Zovickian 12:38
2. Dan Osborne 12:49
3. Cathy Huang 13:11
4. Ed Urban 13:44
5. Bob Fewster 14:42
6. Rich Cooper 15:17
 Joni Beemsterboer. 15:17
7. Phil Fernandez 15:30
8. Gina Rus 15:43
9. Blath Groonell 16:05
10. Kevin Hartnett 16:24
11. Jackie Merovich 16:39
12. Roger Kleid 16:47
13. Mickey Gannon 16:48
14. Era Osibe 17:09
 Lee Hammack 17:09
15. Sue Garfield 17:16
16. Noel Turner 18:02
17. Dodi Morosi 19:44
18. Pat North 19:59
19. Mag Donaldson 20:10
20. Pete Bianucci 20:27
21. Nick Strelchuk 20:51
22. Mimi Osborne 21:27
23. Will Powning 21:36
24. Keith Weaver 21:46
25. David Broadbear 22:42
26. Bob McKenzie 23:39
27. Doug Chambers 24:19
28. Charles Holmquist 24:22
29. Steve North 25:33

Helpers: David Broadbear, Vince Huang, Peter Drino, Phil Rollins, Laura Burtch, Mimi Osborne, Becky Fenson, Suzie Dods, Steve North, Marla McGowan, Ruben Hechanova, Graham Lahiff, and Fran Nieria.

100 Mile Swim 1995

1. Becky Fenson 270
2. Laura Burtch 240
3. GeorgeKebbe 180
4. Laura Merkl 176 1/2
5. Suzie Dods 173
6. Larry Scroggins 153
7. Pat McGarvey 135
8. John Selmer 135
9. Steve Walker 132 3/4
10. Chris M. Kelly 116
11. Mary Verdon 113 1/2
12. Peter McLaughlin 107
13. Mimi Osborne 106 1/2
14. Krist Jake 106
15. Kelly Flynn 105 1/2
16. David Zovickian 105
17. Joe Abbot 103
18. Steve Worthington .. 102 1/4
19. Nancy Friedman 101 1/2
20. Anna Henry 101
21. Tony Du Comb 100 1/4
22. Pam Derks 100
23. John Duggan 100
24. Tom Hofmann 100
25. Conrad von B. 100
26. Phil Kohlenberg 100
27. Joanne Klingel 100
28. Dan Osborne 100
29. Alan Budenz 100
30. Lorna Newlin 100
31. Mary Cantini 100
32. Pavla Podolska 100
33. Todd Oppenheimer 100
34. Margaret Keenan 100
35. Glynn Jones 100

1996 Swim Schedule

Schedule Subject to Changes

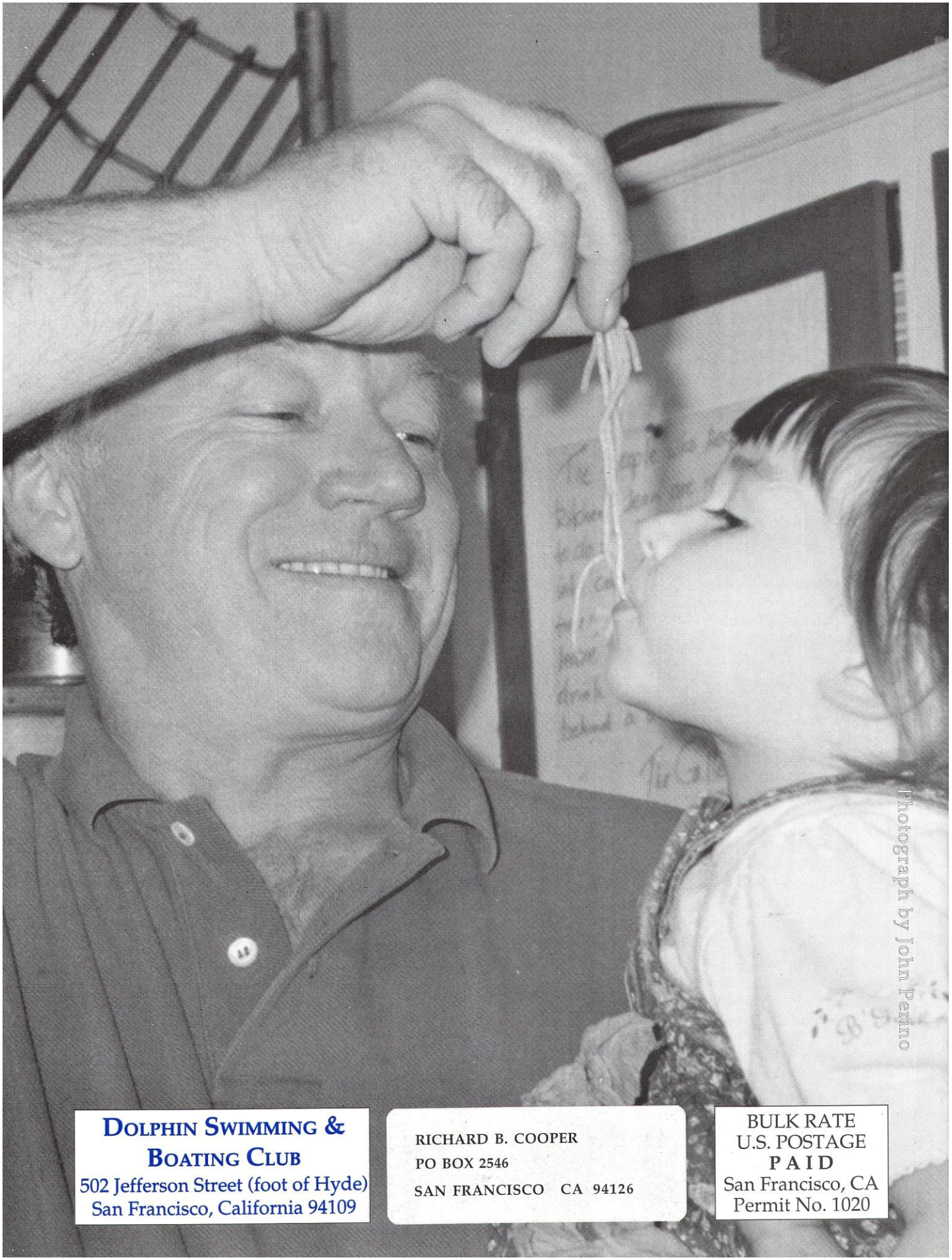
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Dec. 21, 1995 *(Thursday)*	*Polar Bear Swim Starts*	
January 1 *(Monday)*	New Year's Day Cove	TBA
January 1 *(Monday)*	☸ New Year's Day Alcatraz	TBA
January 21 *(Sunday)*	☸ Mid-Winter Gas House Cove	TBA
February 11 *(Sunday)*	☸ Z - Man Cove	TBA
February 25 *(Sunday)*	☸ Pier 41	TBA
March 21 *(Thursday)*	*Polar Bear Swim Ends*	
March 23 *(Saturday)*	Spring Cove	TBA
April 14 *(Sunday)*	☸ Dick Beeler Crazy Cove	TBA
May 4 *(Saturday)*	☸Yacht Harbor	TBA
May 11 *(Saturday)*	☸ Pier 39	TBA
June 1 *(Saturday)*	*100 Mile Swim Starts*	
June 1 *(Saturday)*	☸ Crissy Field	TBA
June 21 *(Friday)*	☸ Twilight Cove (Pot Luck BBQ to Follow)	TBA
June 30 *(Sunday)*	☸ Fort Point	TBA
July 6 *(Saturday)*	☸ Bay Bridge	TBA
July 20 *(Saturday)*	☸ Trans Tahoe Relay	TBA
July 26 *(Friday)*	☸ Twilight Gas House Cove (Pot Luck BBQ to Follow)	TBA
August 3 *(Saturday)*	☸ Santa Cruz Pier Swim	TBA
August 11 *(Sunday)*	☸ Over Sixty Cove	TBA
August 16 *(Friday)*	☸ Twilight Pier 41 (Pot Luck BBQ to Follow)	TBA
August 24 *(Saturday)*	☸ Doc Howard - Over 45 - Gas House Cove	TBA
September 15 *(Sunday).*	Handicap Cove	TBA
September 21 *(Saturday)*	Golden Gate I - Fast Day	TBA
September 22 *(Sunday)*	Golden Gate II - Slow Day	TBA
TBA	Dolphin/South End Triathlon	TBA
October 6 *(Sunday*	Alcatraz	TBA
October 20 *(Sunday)*	Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon	TBA
October 31 *(Thursday)*	*100 Mile Swim Ends*	
November 9 *(Saturday)*	Annual Swim/Pilot Appreciation Dinner	TBA
November 17 *(Sunday)*	Introduction To Bay Swimming	TBA
November 28 *(Thursday)*	Thanksgiving Day Cove	TBA
December 15 *(Sunday)*	New Year's Day Alcatraz Qualifier	TBA
December 21 *(Saturday)*	*Polar Bear Swim Starts*	

• Swim Program Rules •

1. Club scheduled swims are restricted to club members only.
2. Swimmers are required to wear fluorescent orange caps on all scheduled swims.
3. Swimmers must be members in good standing with dues current and swim fees paid.
4. New members are not eligible to swim in scheduled swims for 6 months from their membership start.
5. Out-of-cove swims are limited to 60 swimmers and may be further limited by the Swim Commission.
6. Alcatraz and Golden Gate swims are limited to 75 swimmers; Alcatraz swimmers are chosen by lottery.
7. Swim sign-up sheets are posted two weeks prior to each swim.
8. Time limits are imposed and enforced for all swims.
9. All club boats are reserved for scheduled swims; riders are prohibited.

• Additional qualifications for Alcatraz and Golden Gate Swims •

10. In-town members must successfully complete 2 swims marked with a wheel (☸) and one other scheduled swim and pilot or help on at least 2 others.
11. Out-of-town members (those residing 100+ miles from the club) must have successfully completed 2 of the last 3 club scheduled Alcatraz and/or Golden Gate swims or meet rule 10 above.
12. Once a member has qualified for Alcatraz/Golden gate swims, non-qualified members will be given priority to qualifying swims.



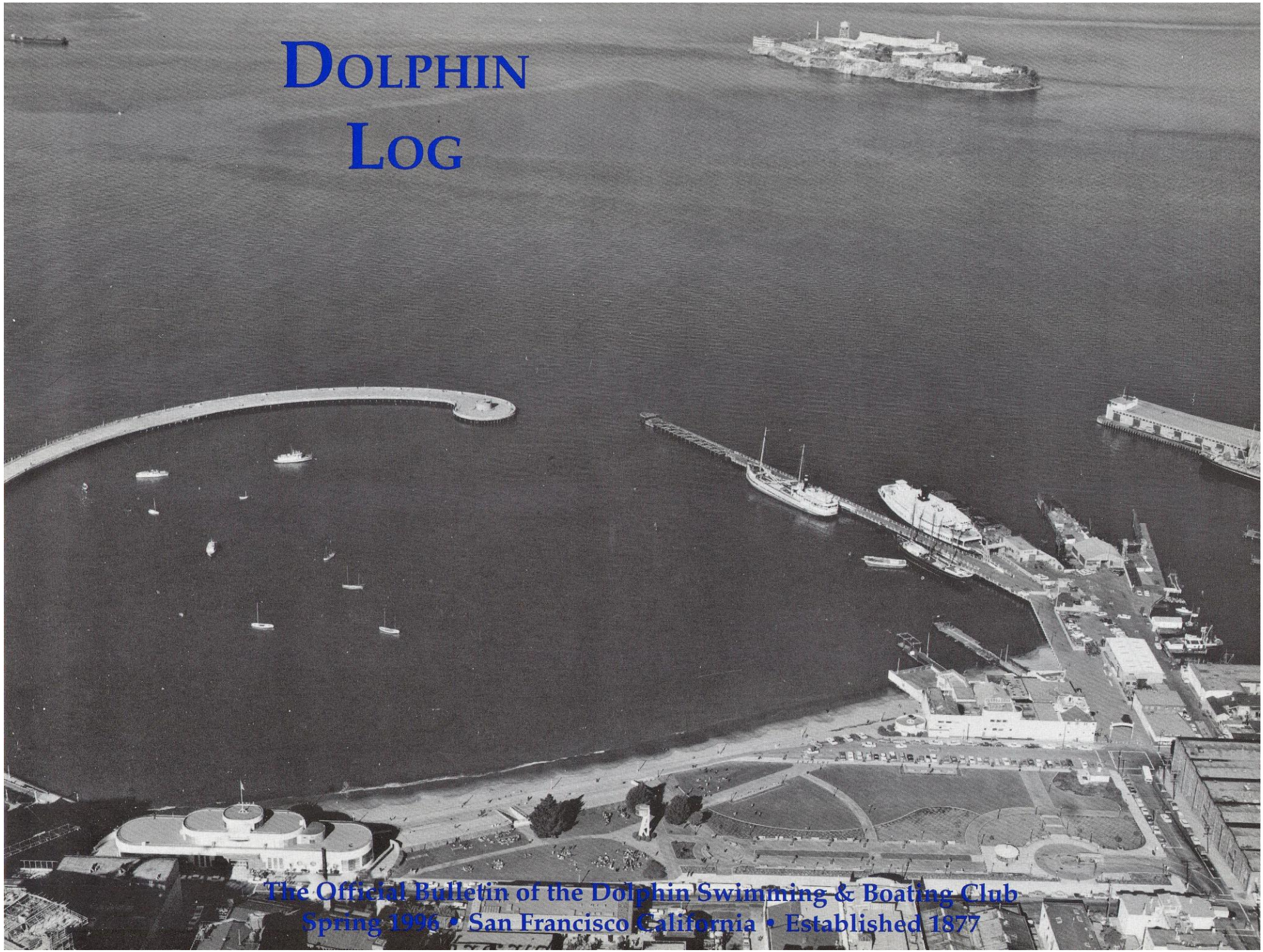
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On the Cover

Thanks to Walt Schneebeli for supplying us with this wonderful peek at Aquatic Park in the early 60s. In the lower left corner of the picture you will find the famous Fontana Towers under construction.

New Men's Sauna

For your safety and the safety of others, please do not place combustible materials such as suits and towels alongside or over the sauna heater—it is very powerful and will burn them! Use only clean fresh *tap* water on the stones. Salt water, from wringing out suits, will prematurely corrode the heating elements. Oils, such as eucalyptus, are flammable and may ignite when poured over the heater and can also damage the elements. (Unlike the old heater, there is no separate pan of rocks above the heating elements.)Following these guidelines will insure the safety of our members and prolong the life of the equipment. Members who persist in violating these guidelines will be brought before the board.



Photograph by Susan Cobb

The Swedish equivalent to the Polar Bear?

English Channel Update

This July, Becky Fenson and Steve Walker will become the latest Dolphins to attempt the crossing. On Saturday, June 8th at the Club there will be a BBQ oyster fundraiser to help defray the cost of Becky's pilot boat. Tickets ($15 donation) are available at the Club.

International Polar Bear

"Swimming in Sweden in February is—in a word—cold. A dip in these waters follows a recommended 20 - 30 minutes in the sauna and is absolutely bone-chilling," according to Dolphin member Susan Cobb. "I counted to five and blasted back to the sauna, just to repeat this process an unrecommended four times, until the 'pool' closed." Susan called her Swedish dip, "a unique experience, but it in no way compares to swimming at the Dolphin Club." Indeed!

Handball Report

The Memorial Day Handball tournament will take place at the Dolphin Club and South End Club handball courts. Starting on Friday evening May 24th with the finals on Monday the 27th the tournament will feature doubles competition. The tournament attracts the best players from the western United States and are always exciting to attend. There will be a no-host bar and food available for a nominal charge. The South End Club will host the event, and all Dolphins are welcome to watch the competition and join in the festivities.

—George Brennan,
Handball Commissioner

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Dolphin Club's Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon

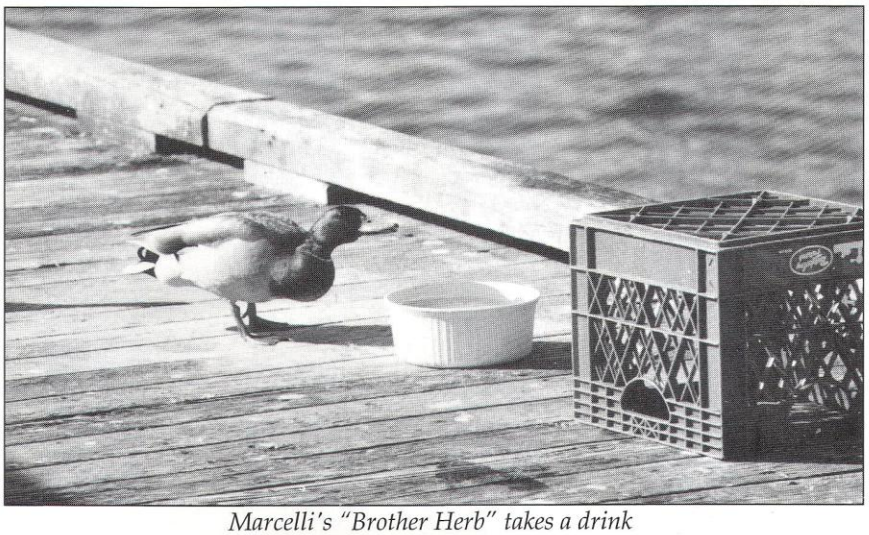
This year's Triathlon will be held on Sunday, October 20. Jump off from Alcatraz Island will be at 9:00 a.m. At this time of the year the water is still warm and the Dipsea trail is starting to cool off. The event is open to members of the Dolphin and South End Clubs. Any swimmer needs to be a member of either club for six months, pre-registered, and fees paid. Applications will be available August 20th. The deadline for registration will be October 17. Please be prompt so the race directory can be printed and distributed. The event has more pilots and helpers than participants. If you feel you are not ready for a full triathlon, consider a relay. Every one who participates by either entering or helping will come away with good memories, not to mention a cool T-shirt. Contact Peter Bianucci at 597-4738 with any questions.



The Club's own lumberjacks

Parking Prohibited

Please help the Club comply with the terms of our permits with the State of California's San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)—a governmental agency with jurisdiction over the Club. The two issues that the BCDC legal staff have raised are parking next to the club and the club's public service obligation. Parking is prohibited in all public access areas adjacent to the Club, which includes the plaza and the driveway on the west-side of the Club. *Please* do not park in this area as the BCDC is threatening the Club with fines if the problem continues. Under a BCDC order, the Club was allowed to provide a public service in lieu of a fine in 1992 that resulted from a dispute over a building permit. Each year the Club must submit a report listing the public service activities of our members. If you have performed any volunteer services please leave a note in President Zovickian mail box with a short description of the activity and the number of volunteer hours. Thank you for your assistance.



Marcelli's "Brother Herb" takes a drink

Boat Timber Acquired

Led by club boat builder John Bielinski, Paul Gisler and Gabriel Scurlock began a mission in the early hours of March 18 to preserve an indispensable part of the Dolphin past. Days earlier, Bielinski had learned that a stand of black locust trees were to be cut down at Malakoff Diggings State Park, outside of Auburn. Durable, rot-resistant and unavailable in any market, the trees had been condemned for growing into the foundations of historic buildings in the park, a former mining colony. Bielinski contacted park ranger Sandy Frizzel and arranged for the Club to have first choice of wood after it was cut. After spending a night inside a building that had once been the colony's house of ill repute, the trio returned with over a ton and a half of the rare timber. According to volunteer Scurlock, the wood "...will be transformed into the 81 half by five eighth inch ribs that will support the *John Wieland*. In this day when boats come from the dealership and wood comes from the

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Rowing Report

By Gary Ehrsam, Lake Merced Rowing Commissioner

Along the Shores of Lake Merced

A couple of weeks ago, Pete Bianucci mentioned that the Dolphin Club once had it's own shell house at Lake Merced. And then, Joe Bruno pointed out the picture on the wall by the present women's locker room door, and explained that the Lake Merced shell house was originally located at South Beach.

The Dolphin Club was a member of the Pacific Association of Amateur Oarsmen at that time. A look around our Staib Room or the Chart House restaurant in San Diego (originally the old San Diego Rowing Club) will reveal old rowing memorabilia, offering a glimpse of the power, grandeur, and excellence of Dolphin oarsmen past. Further research ties these former glories to the present.

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The shell house at Lake Merced was originally built in 1935 at Pier 54 and rowing training was conducted in China Basin. In 1952 the Dolphins were ordered to vacate to make way for the construction of Santa Fe Railway yards and ferry slip. The Recreation and Parks Commission, "in the interest of developing the recreational resources of the Lake Merced area, and in providing a maximum enjoyment of Lake Merced by the general public," approved moving the shell house to the shore of Lake Merced. "Commissioner Buckley endorsed the character of the rowing and crew members who [had] locally identified themselves with the sport for many years."

The shell house was moved to what is now a parking lot behind The Boat House Restaurant. It was moved in 1952 again to make way for construction of the Lake Merced Sports Center (which later became the Boat House). Then it was used as a stable for police horses, then as headquarters for golf tournament marshals, and is now being used by the Harding Park Golf Course gardeners.

The original plan for the Lake Merced Sports Center was to build "accommodations for boating equipment, club rooms, showers, lockers and the facilities for sport followers of fishing, sailing, and rowing. The restaurant concession area [had] been planned to be independent of the rest of the recreation center building." It was financed by the 1955 Recreation Bond Fund.

In the original building, upon entering the door to what is now the Boat House Restaurant, the area to the right—now the bar portion of the restaurant—was the entire area to be used as a restaurant. The area to the left of the entrance—now occupied by a pool hall, kitchen, and conference/party room—was two club meeting rooms, a social hall, and showers/lockers. In the early 1980's the entire top floor was turned into a drinking/eating establishment.

The Dolphin Club occupies one bay beneath the restaurant between the St. Ignatius Crew and the Pacific Rowing Club. The Pacific Rowing Club is comprised of high school rowers (predominantly from Lowell) but also has a masters' sweep rowing program. St. Ignatius is one of the country's leading high school crew racing organizations. This year they won gold medals at the San Diego Crew Classic and last year they won

To All Members: Please note, that any guest using any of the facility, must sign the waiver at the front entrance and pay a $6.50 guest fee. There are no exceptions.



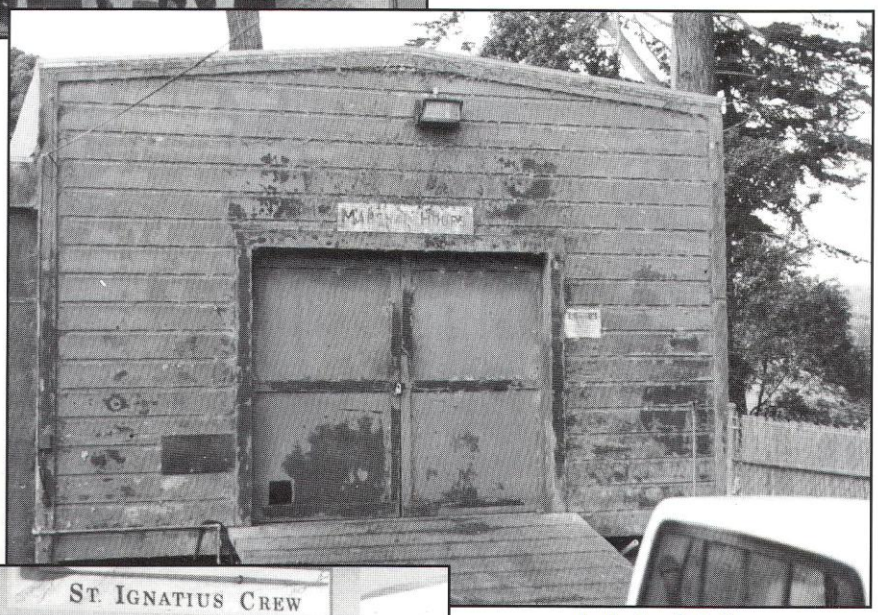
The original "Shell House"

third place at Philadelphia's Stotesbury Cup (losing to two Philadelphia crews who didn't have to travel and were rowing on their home water). Coached by former national team member John Pescatore, they are always in contention for the national championship.

Also located under the restaurant is the UCSF Rowing Club and the San Francisco Windsurfing School. Both are open to the public and both cater to novices.

Use of the Dolphin Club facility requires membership in the Dolphin Club. Club equipment and training is available. Most Dolphins who use the facility own their own equipment. Unlike the downtown facility, equipment owners must pay to store their equipment, and, unlike the downtown facility, no one may use another's privately owned equipment.

Pictured below left are Jim Storm (Olympic medalist), Dick Allen (regional masters medalist), Michael Weissenberger (international masters medalist), Bill Fink (international masters medalist) and (back to camera)



As it stands today



Jennifer Durrant (a regular rower like you and me). We have many rowers who simply enjoy a healthful cruise around the Lake but if one is interested in a challenge this is a group to be reckoned with at any club, anywhere in the world.

Most Dolphins point to the foot of Hyde Street as the cornerstone of Club Rowing History. In fact it also stands along the shore of Lake Merced.

Photographs by Gary Ehrsam

President's Report

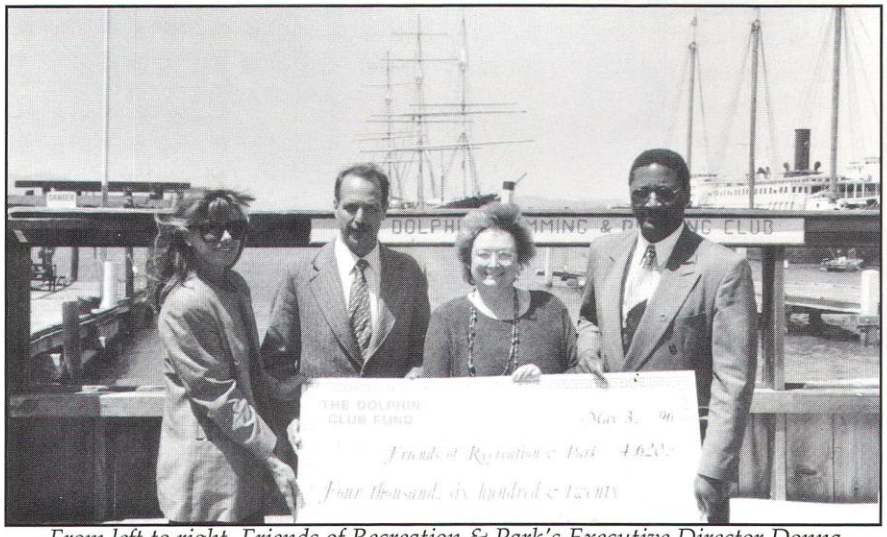
By David Zovickian

DC Update

Founded in 1877, the Dolphin Club provides a safe and healthy environment for swimming, rowing and recreational activities for its members. Love for the San Francisco Bay and camaraderie are two of the many interests our members share.

The *Dolphin Log* is a quarterly publication sent to each member to keep him or her informed of Dolphin Club activities, race results and upcoming programs.

The "DC Update" is an opportunity for members to stay in tune with Club issues and events from the president's perspective. Please feel free to contact me with questions, comments or suggestions.



From left to right, Friends of Recreation & Park's Executive Director Donna Ernston, Dolphin President David Zovickian, Recreation & Park's General Manager Mary Burns, and Recreation & Park's Superintendent Joel Robinson

Community Outreach — Broadening our Scope

The recently created Dolphin Club Fund has raised $5,000 for the "Friends of Recreation and Park." Our grant will help support a six-week swimming lesson program for over 100 local children. Many thanks to Joe Cowan for organizing the Fund and to you, for your generous support.

Lease Negotiations— Moving into the 21st Century

As you know, the Dolphin Club is negotiating with the City to extend its current lease (which expires in eight years) to 2028. The processes involved include auditing Dolphin Club policies and procedures, complying with public access requirements and developing financial statements. Information regarding the lease will be sent to members as it becomes available.

Refining our Bylaws

The Board is considering several changes to modernize and streamline our bylaws. Recommendations include updating our non-discrimination statement to mirror the Recreation and Park Commission policy, simplifying our election ballot and campaign process, and bolstering the integrity of these processes. The Board plans to draft and approve these changes within the next quarter. The revised bylaws will be submitted to the membership for approval, through a special election, by summer's end.

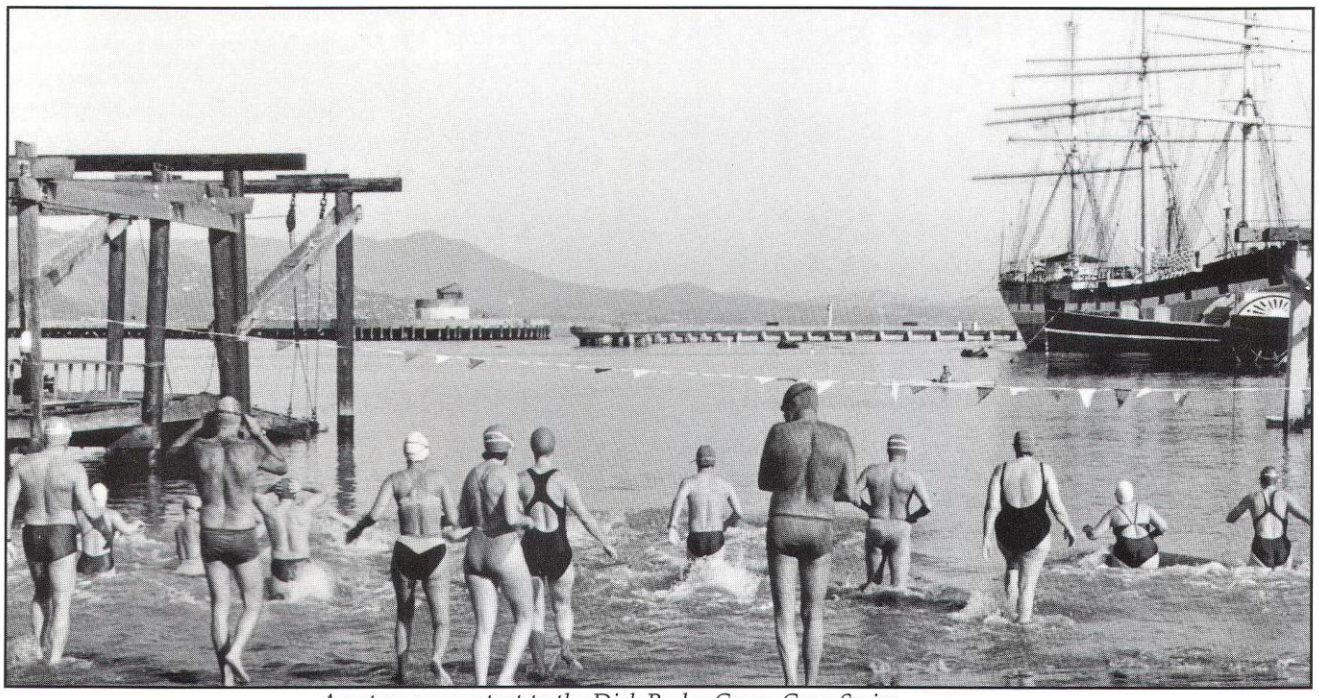
Port Project— Promoting Water Quality

The Club is closely monitoring the expansion and upgrade of Pier 45. The Port of San Francisco is planning a fish handling and processing facility and commercial fleet berths for the Pier 45 basin. While the Club supports the maritime use of the waterfront, our primary position is to preserve water quality. Members are encouraged to champion this cause. Progress reports on future developments will be given as information becomes available.

Club Renovations— Remodeling Our Historic Building

In 1992, Dolphin Club members and the City approved plans to renovate the Club—specifically, to expand the women's locker room to accommodate the increase in female Dolphin membership. Shortly after approval,

Photograph by Joe Cowan



A not-so-crazy start to the Dick Beeler Crazy Cove Swim

preliminary designs were drafted and a projected budget was prepared. Membership dues increased by $5.00 per month to help fund the project. Since that time, we have refined the design plans and have begun construction. *(See Assistant Boat House Captain Kevin Hartnett's report on page 8.)*

Presently, the women's membership level is 27 percent of total membership, as compared with their allotted locker room space of 18 percent. (The men's ratio is 73 percent membership to 82 percent of available locker room space.) The renovations will divide existing space to better reflect the growing level of women membership, providing 38 percent of available space. We'll also have the handicapped-accessible facilities required by the City, our landlord.

The original design plans were a rough layout of the renovation project. We fine-tuned those plans and were able to put together a realistic budget using actual blueprints and factoring in the 1996 market price. Reviewing our proposed budget, we realize the amount originally set aside for this project will not cover the actual costs. Additionally, we have incurred expenses in areas we had not foreseen, such as remodeling in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and painting and roofing the building. While our financial stability will not be compromised, we will have to generate additional funds to support this much-needed renovation.

Photograph by Susan Lauritzen

We would like to reduce the impact of an inevitable assessment. For example, delaying the construction schedule or developing a payment plan may help alleviate the additional expense for members. Also, implementing smaller cutbacks in a few areas may provide some relief. Suggestions include:

- Increasing program fees,
- Asking programs to become more self-supporting, and
- Conserving water.

Membership, Morale and Mission

The Dolphin Club welcomes people of all backgrounds to join our ranks. Members have different beliefs, various interests and unmatched personalities. This mix has helped form a club where people feel accepted and are eager to become part of the team.

Unfortunately, some members do not care to fit into this mix. A cadre of members continue to alter official documents, forge false memos and harass others. These actions are beyond the scope of practical jokes and are detrimental to the morale of the Club. Members are expected to care about the well-being of the Club and our members. If this is not possible, the offender(s) should consider revoking his or her membership.

In February, the Board enacted a disciplinary suspension in response to a harassment case brought to their attention in November. The Board will continue to discipline members who violate Dolphin Club principles. Membership is a privilege, not a right, and should be honored as such.

Our mission is to provide a healthy environment for *all* members—a mission that attracts many people to the Club. Members should focus on their reasons for joining the Dolphin Club and how they fit into our team. The Club is made up of all members—whether recent additions or old-timers—not a select few.

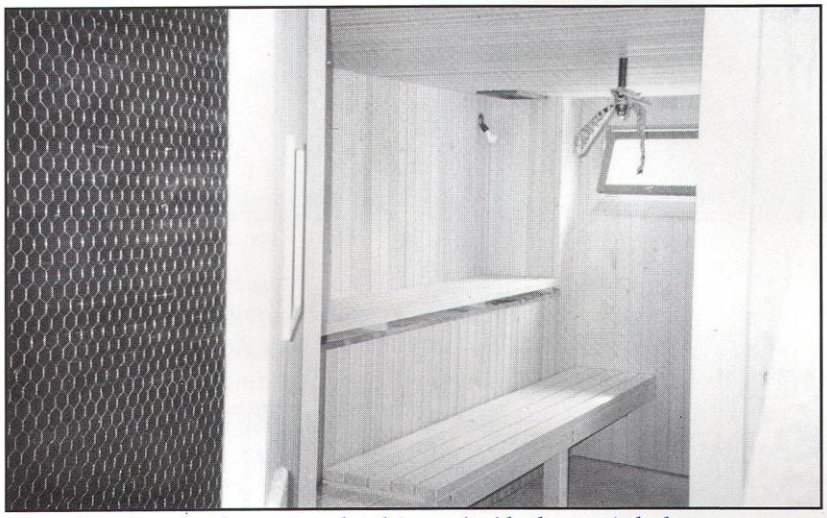
Renovation Update

By Kevin Hartnett, Assistant Boat House Captain

One Down, Two to Go

There has been much discussion recently about the renovation project now taking place at the Club. The following should help members understand the process and illuminate further discussion.

In 1991, the members of the Club voted to increase the dues $5.00 per month in order to finance much needed renovations and repairs. The goal of this project was to repair the exterior of the building (roof, paint, etc.) and the remodeling of the locker rooms, necessitated by the disparity in the number of lockers available for women members to those of male members The dues increase affected full dues paying members only, and began in 1992.



A peek at the almost-completed sauna inside the men's locker room

At the time, it was anticipated that there would be average of 850 members, with 670 of them paying full dues. This resulted in a projected increase in revenues of $40,200 per year, or $201,000 through 1996. As of the end of February 1996, the Club had spent $183,252 on roofing, painting, locker room renovation and exterior repairs. Another $90,000 is budgeted to complete Phase One of the locker room remodel and begin Phase two.

Phase One includes ground floor revisions for accessibility, and building a new shower and sauna in the existing men's locker room, along with the necessary structural work. Phase two includes remodeling the existing men's sauna, shower, and bathroom into an accessible facility for Dolphin women, reconfiguration of the locker room on the new (west) side of the building and moving female members into the new space. Phase Three includes remodeling the existing women's bathroom into an accessible bathroom for the men, remodeling the existing women's locker room for additional men's lockers, adding an elevator for accessibility, and associated structural work.

The current project budget for the locker room portion is $375,000 to 400,000. This amount together , with that of previously spent on exterior repairs, is much higher than what was originally anticipated. At its inception, the plan to remodel the locker rooms was hoped to be as simple as building two new saunas and bathrooms, and having a couple of work parties to make new lockers and move around the old ones. It was clear at the time (and still is) that the women's locker facilities were not adequate and had to be improved. Unfortunately, in terms of the budget, but fortunate for less mobile Dolphins, building codes were revised to require accessibility revisions to public buildings at the same time. The word "accessibility" appears frequently in the previous paragraph, and each time it adds more costs.

The original idea was to renovate the showers and saunas where they stand now. The women's side was to be done first, with their locker room being expanded in the process. The downside of this plan was the complete loss of showers and saunas during the work, with Dolphins trooping over to the South End Rowing Club for six to eight months. Worse, the women would have lost their whole locker room while construction crews tromped around, unless we could find all-female contractors and subcontractors, which seemed somewhat unlikely. The current plan enables the Club to meet all of the goals with a minimum of disruption, especially on the women's side.

Photograph by John Perino

It is possible that an assessment will be required to complete this work. Alternatively, the project schedule could be lengthened to minimize the necessary assessment. An assessment could be phased, so as to alleviate financial strain on members. None of those options are particularly attractive. In the end, however, we will have constructed a building that will accommodate the needs of our membership, including those whose spirit to participate in our activities is not limited by physical challenges.

Building Committee's Note:

With the work being substantially complete and looking great, it's time for a tip of the hat to the people who really put their backs into making it such a success. Special thanks to Dan McGill, Kevin Hartnett, Bill Lyons of B&L Plumbing, and Issac of Marin Title.

Last, but not least, congratulations and whole lot of appreciation is due Conrad and Eric von Blankenberg. They did the job at cost, if that, and aged a couple of years in the process, in no small part due to the machinations of the Building Committee. (Eric still looks okay, though.) Lots of extra work was done that never got mentioned, and even though we added lots of work to the project, it cost us a lot less than we could have imagined a year ago. This is all due to their skill and experience, and the fact that their hearts are with the Dolphin Club. So the next time you see Conrad or Eric, give them a handshake for work well done, which we now get to enjoy for the years to come.

From the Financial Secretary

By Suzie Dods

Questions About Your Dues?

Throughout the year, many Dolphin Members may be confused over their membership billing, status, and other equally important concerns. The duty of Financial Secretary is to process all checks, address changes, as well as membership status changes. More importantly, I also attempt to answer your questions about your dues and other billing questions. Here are some answers and guidelines that may help reduce member confusion:

I try to do things over the telephone as much as possible, so don't hesitate to call me with your question. When you call me, please leave your full name, a phone number, and a best time to call you. If you say your name is "Mike from the DC, call me back"—it will be next to impossible to do so. Mike who?

If your checks have two names printed on them, please circle or highlight the Dolphin Member whose dues are being paid. I happen to know many of you, but I don't know everyone and circling or highlighting the right name will ensure that you are properly credited for your payment.

If you receive a bill, which you think you have paid, save yourself a phone call and see if the check has cleared the bank. If it cleared before the billing statements were sent out and is not reflected, *please call me as soon as possible*. If the check has not cleared the bank then it's obviously not going to show up on your statement. Please remember, that cash is not a good method of payment. A cashier's check or a personal check is always the best.

If you move, please let me know your new address and phone number as soon as possible. The *Dolphin Log* is mailed via third class postage and is not forwarded...so if you move and don't tell us, that is one piece of mail that you won't get! That means that you don't get the swim schedule, the race results, or anything else you enjoy about The *Dolphin Log*.

The Dolphin Club's dues are $360 per year for regular members—$335 if paid in *advance* of the upcoming quarter, not by the end of the quarter. If you wait too long, then your name is placed on the publicly posted "delinquent list." Normally, I try to get the month's deposits to the bank by the 25th of the month. The cycle then runs from the 25th to the 25th, this makes the accounting easier to balance. Rest assured though, that if you date your check the 30th, but place in the dues box on the 25th, the bank is not going to reject it. If you find yourself in a tight financial bind, please call me and we can talk. However, please do not ignore the statements—it makes life difficult for everyone later on down the line. If you are not using the Club and want to terminate your membership, please let us know at the beginning of the quarter and not at the very end. Unless we are properly notified, you are responsible for payment of dues whether or not you use the Club. Your key must be returned when your membership is terminated. Please feel free to call me at 382-8893 if you have any questions.

Swim Report

By Pat North, Swim Commissioner

Spring Has Sprung

The ducks have returned, bringing with them lovely spring weather.

The 1996 Swim season began with the addition of Jackie Merovich to the Swim Commission. Jackie is in charge of finances; some of you may have already noticed the increased efficiency in this area. Her contribution thus far has been an enormous help.



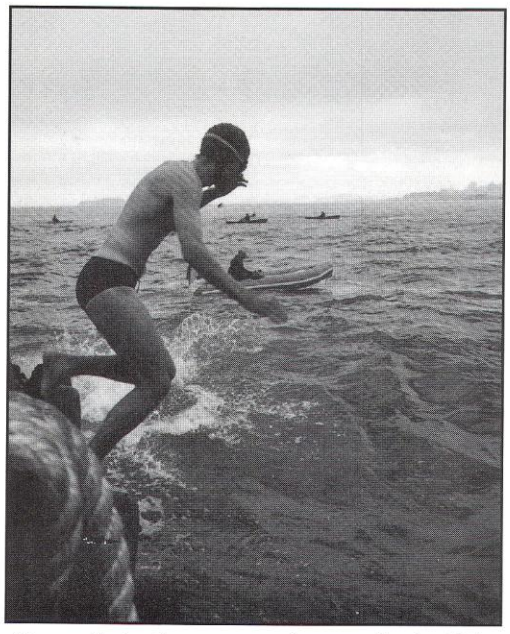
During the swim briefing, be sure to take your ear plugs out...

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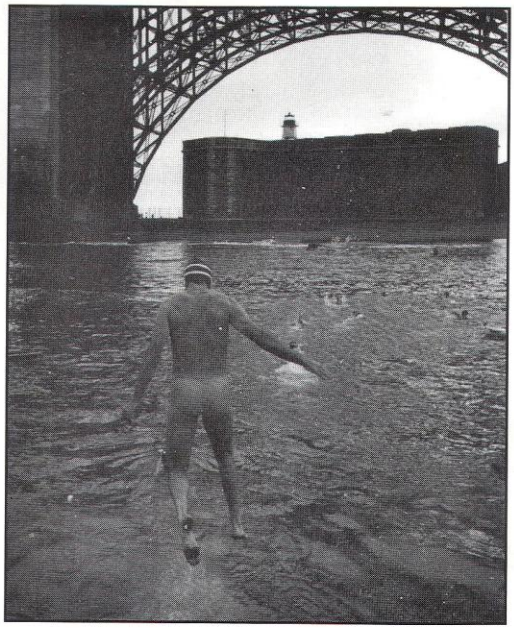
Speaking of help, the controversial new rule—you cannot swim on the day you help—proved controversial for only about ten minutes. The response has been great. All of the tasks are signed up for even before check-in is completed. The Swim Program is really a wondrous piece of machinery, not to be tinkered with too much. It operates on its own power because there is such a strong core of volunteers who know what to do and they do it without any fanfare.

Speaking of trinkets, from kazoos (Z-Man Cove) to 20" long pens which hook on to your belt (Crazy Cove), Swim Commissioner Nancy Friedman keeps delivering the odd, weird, and memorable trophies for our swims. The more traditional water bottle was awarded at the Yacht Harbor Swim, but the traditional donuts were not in evidence. Thanks to Linda Righetti, we had our second annual pancake and fresh fruit (thank ya, Mr. Kebbe) breakfast for the swimmers, pilots and helpers.

All in all, the new swim season is proceeding quite nicely with a few notable exceptions.



One small step for man...one giant step for the Club



Jumping off the water taxi and heading for Fort Point



Father and daughter team: the Bianuccis...

For instance, this year's Spring Cove...

On March 23rd at 9:04 a.m., Peter Drino relaxes in the sun, his boat remains stationary in the calm water just inside the opening. The Spring Cove Race has already started and the swimmers have begun their "bunny hops," weaving in and out of the buoys towards the flag. At the flag, they turn east, go around all the boats swimming the penultimate leg towards the buoys in the opening.

The calm waters have been swept outside the Golden Gate Bridge as a powerful ebb fulminates against Peter's boat and the swimmers. The swimmers struggle like salmon going up river to spawn.

Mary Sancimino valiantly tries to keep from laughing as Mag Donaldson repeatedly lunges to grab on to that second buoy. Neither one makes it to that second buoy, but they do make it make back alive....

Sometimes, that's all a Swim Commissioner can hope for. ☒



Photograph by Susan Lauritzen

A sacred ritual among the pilots...the gathering of the kayaks before the swim

News

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lumber yard, it is truly impressive to witness this transformation from standing tree to floating vessel."

Hungry Dolphins

Modesto and Eugene Lanzone invite all Dolphin members to enjoy a 20% discount on food at their new restaurant, "The Old Place," located on Broadway at Kearny. Just say "Lou Marcelli sent me."

Dolphin/South End Triathalon

No date has been set for the annual Dolphin/South End Triathlon. For the last few years, the Dolphin Club has been royally whipped by the South End. This is the year for recovery and for us to recapture the coveted trophy. Watch the bulletin board for the schedule, sign-up and prepare yourself for battle.

Lake Merced Rowing

Interested in shell rowing at Lake Merced? Give a call to Gary Ehrsam at 415-642-0962 or just stop by the Lake any Saturday or Sunday morning (usually before 10:00 a.m.) and squint out over the water.

Dolphin Club Harassment Policy

The Dolphin Club disapproves of any form of unlawful harassment, verbal, physical or visual, between members of the Club. The Club also disapproves of any harassment on the basis of race, gender, color, ancestry, national origin, age, religion, physical or mental disability or medical condition, sexual orientation, or any other protected characteristic under Federal or state law. The Club considers harassment

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Dolphin Swim Statistics

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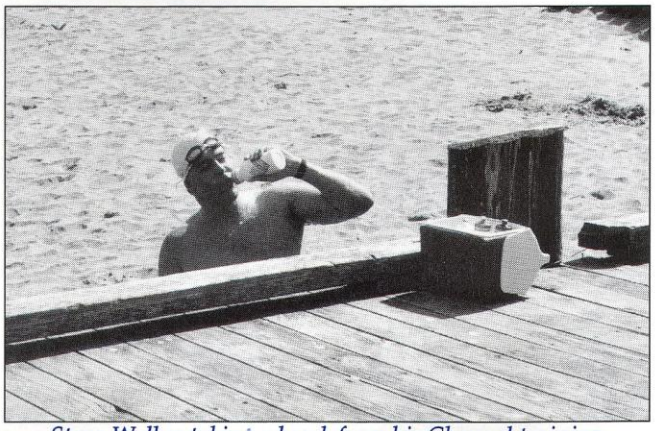
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George Kebbe 104
Laura Burtch 96 1/2
Vince Huang 88
Phil Rollins 82 1/2
Ed Urban 81
Pavla Podolska 51
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Joanne 50
Cliff Jennings 50
John Davies 50
Mike McCracken 49 1/2
Barbara Keller 49
Carter Seddon 49
Boris Rosenberg* 48
George Robin 47 1/2
Sue Garfield 47 1/2



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Beach Master Lou Marcelli and his prehistoric catch

Neal Powers 75
Mark McKee* 63 1/2
Sunny McKee* 63 1/2
Peter McLaughlin* 63
Larry Scroggins 63
C. Von Blankenberg 58 1/2
Krist Jake 55 1/2
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Mary Verdon 55
Suzie Dods 55
Mark Mullen* 54 1/2
Laura Merkl 53
Paul Ambrose* 52 1/2
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Susan Cobb 43
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Lori Parmer 42 1/2



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Steve Walker taking a break from his Channel training

Pete Neubauer 42
Nancy Friedman 42
Kevin Hartnett 42
Charlie Martin 42
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Mag Donaldson 40 1/2
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Jerry Cullen 40
Mike Webb 40
John Tansley 40
Era Osibe 40
Chuck Shackett 40
Joni Beemsterboer 40
Blath Grooning 40
Lou Marcelli ('75 Polar Bear) 21

*Virgin Polar Bears

Mid-Winter Gas House Cove
January 21, 1996



Photograph by Mike Webb

The Dolphin "Morning Crew" before a race

1. Laura Burtch 16:03
2. James Mason 16:25
3. Suzie Dods 17:23
4. Mick LaVelle 17:35
5. Jon Nakamura 18:07
6. George Kebbe 18:41
7. Conrad V Blankenberg 18:46
8. Margaret Keenan 18:47
9. Ed Urban 19:21
10. Mark McKee 19:25
11. Larry Scroggins 19:52
12. Krist Jake 20:06
13. Sunny McKee 20:40
14. Kate Coleman 21:10
15. Jenny Muth 21:52
16. Neal Powers 22:06
17. Rich Livingston 22:09
18. Eduardo Barranco 22:26
19. Michael Lord 22:27
20. Roger Kleid 22:40
21. Jackie K. Merovich 22:41
22. Tina Scott 22:49
23. Ken Coren 22:51
24. Kevin Hartnett 23:07
25. Steve Worthington 23:15
26. Mary Verdon 23:18
27. Mickey Gannon 23:30
28. Sue Garfield 23:35
29. Gerry Cullen 23:37
30. Tony Payne 24:09
31. Era Osibe 24:34
32. Sandy Lemkuhl 24:45
33. Noel Turner 24:52
34. Leslie Callan 26:52
35. Will Powning 27:48
36. Nick Strelchuk 28:07
37. Walt Schneebeli 31:52

Helpers: Vince Huang, Mimi Osborne, Susan Anson, Tom Kuglen, Nancy Hayes, Laura Merkl, Frank Vieira and Tony DuComb.

Pilots: David Brandt, Nancy Friedman, Celeste McMullin, Mag Donaldson, Tony DuComb, Jeremy West, Colin Gift, David Zovickian, Don Harrison, Bob Danielson, Mary Cantini, David Covell, Greg Bell, Chuck Vogt, Ken Frank, Rich Cooper, Al de la Pena, Dan Osborne, Phil Kohlenberg and Pete Bianucci.



Heavy hitters: Marcelli, Hoffman, Giacomini, and Camous (hidden)

Z– Man Mid-Winter Cove

February 11, 1996

1. Becky Fenson 20:34
2. John Selmer 21:16
3. Laura Burtch 21:53
4. Mickey LaVelle 23:11
5. Suzie Dods 24:06
6. Margaret Keenan 24:23
7. Mike Webb 25:09
8. Dave Zovickian 25:40
9. Mark Mckee 26:09
10. Krist Jake 26:18
11. Dan Osborne 26:55
12. Nancy Friedman 28:55
13. Liz Ann Schiff 30:24
14. Tina Scott 31:32
15. Roger Kleid 32:31
16. Pam Stillwagon 32:44
17. Gerry Cullen 33:05
18. Era Osibe 34:58
19. Pete Bianucci 36:15
20. Mary Cantini-Norkin . 36:56
21. Debby Rose 43:59

Helpers: Larry Scroggins, Mag Donaldson, Susan Allen, Phil Fernandez, Marla McGowan, Laura Merkl, Dodi Morosi, Sue Garfield, Sandy Lemkuhl, Beth Maher, Daphne Lagios, Diane Abele, Walt Schneebeli, Kate Coleman.

Pilots: Ed Urban, Phil Rollins, Conrad Von Blankenberg, Don Harrison, Dunn Silvey, Bob Danielson, Ken Frank, Stu Etzler



Dolphin Club: the next generation

Pier 41

February 25, 19 96

1. Becky Fenson 18:22
2. Laura Burtch 20:04
3. Peter Drino 20:59
4. George Kebbe 21:15
5. Margaret Keenan 21:42
6. David Rich 21:53
7. Mike Webb 22:11
8. Conrad Von B. 22:22
9. Larry Scroggins 22:24
10. Lori Parmer 24:10
11. Paul Ambrose 25:01
12. Dennis Tyson 25:03
13. Krist Jake 25:15
14. Joni B. 25:27
15. Pete Neubauer 25:38
16. Vince Huang 26:02
17. Gina Rus 26:04
18. Neal Powers 26:15
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21. Pam Stillwagon 27:02
22. Tony du Comb 27:12
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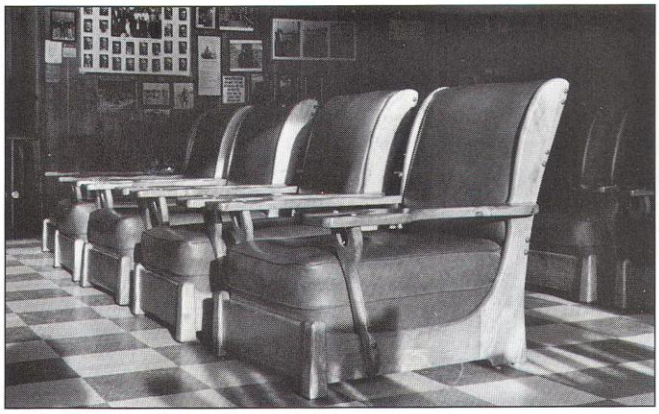


Bonnie and Clyde cool their heels at the Club



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Dolphin newlyweds: Suzy Royce and Tom Silk



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The quiet "Staib Room"

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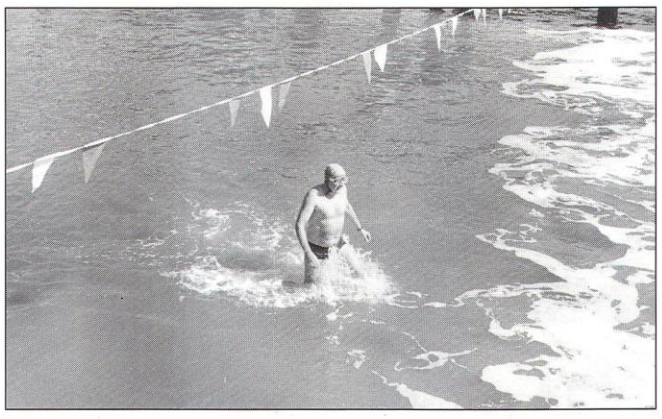
Dick Beeler Crazy Cove

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Don Reid finishing in grand style

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to be a serious issue which may result in discipline of offenders, up to and including termination.

Harassment is defined as a type of behavior or action with the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's use of Club facilities; or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

The Club strongly encourages any member who believes that he or she has been subjected to unlawful harassment to report the alleged incident to the Board of Governors.

From the Editors

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of the *Dolphin Log* is August 1, 1996. Feel free to contribute a story, ideas, photos, drawings, sketches, cartoons or archives that you think would be of interest to Dolphins. Leave your material in our box in the Staib Room, mail it to the Dolphin Club care of the editors, or approach us in person.

1996 Swim Schedule

Schedule Subject to Changes

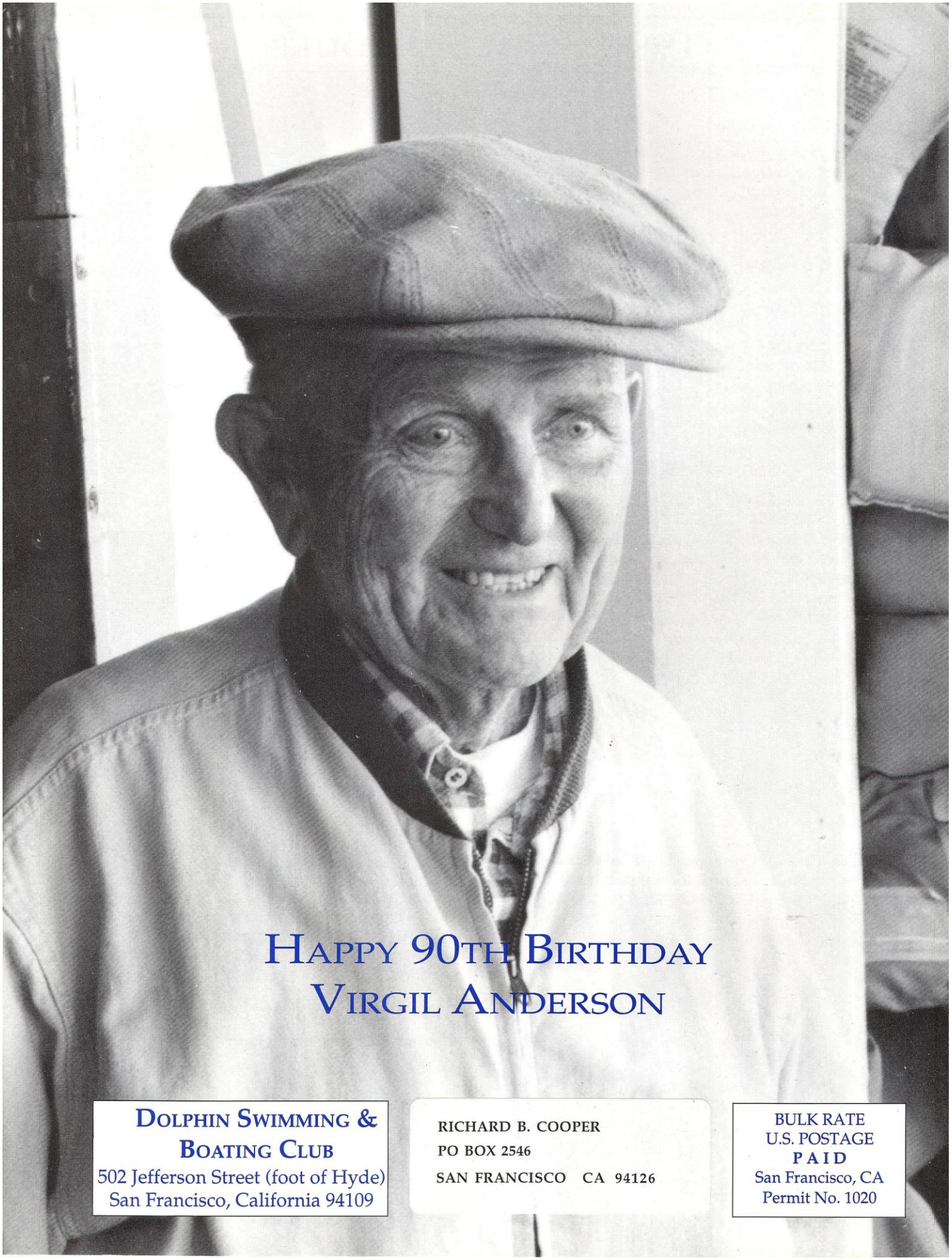
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Dec. 21, 1995 *(Thursday)*	*Polar Bear Swim Starts*	
January 1 *(Monday)*	New Year's Day Cove	
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January 21 *(Sunday)*	☸ Mid-Winter Gas House Cove	
February 11 *(Sunday)*	☸ Z - Man Cove	
February 25 *(Sunday)*	☸ Pier 41	
March 21 *(Thursday)*	*Polar Bear Swim Ends*	
March 23 *(Saturday)*	Spring Cove	
April 14 *(Sunday)*	☸ Dick Beeler Crazy Cove	
May 4 *(Saturday)*	☸Yacht Harbor	
May 11 *(Saturday)*	☸ Pier 39	
June 1 *(Saturday)*	*100 Mile Swim Starts*	
June 1 *(Saturday)*	☸ Crissy Field	0900
June 21 *(Friday)*	☸ Twilight Cove (Pot Luck BBQ to Follow)	0600
June 30 *(Sunday)*	☸ Fort Point	0830
July 6 *(Saturday)*	☸ Bay Bridge	0800
July 20 *(Saturday)*	☸ Trans Tahoe Relay	TBA
July 26 *(Friday)*	☸ Twilight Gas House Cove (Pot Luck BBQ to Follow)	1800
August 3 *(Saturday)*	☸ Santa Cruz Pier Swim	TBA
August 11 *(Sunday)*	☸ Over Sixty Cove	0900
August 16 *(Friday)*	☸ Twilight Pier 41 (Pot Luck BBQ to Follow)	1800
August 25 *(Sunday)*	☸ Doc Howard - Over 45 - Gas House Cove	0730
September 15 *(Sunday).*	Handicap Cove	0900
September 21 *(Saturday)*	Golden Gate I - Fast Day	0800
September 22 *(Sunday)*	Golden Gate II - Slow Day	0900
TBA	Dolphin/South End Triathlon	TBA
October 6 *(Sunday*	Alcatraz	0900
October 20 *(Sunday)*	Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon	0900
October 31 *(Thursday)*	*100 Mile Swim Ends*	
November 9 *(Saturday)*	Annual Swim/Pilot Appreciation Dinner	TBA
November 17 *(Sunday)*	Introduction To Bay Swimming	TBA
November 28 *(Thursday)*	Thanksgiving Day Cove	TBA
December 15 *(Sunday)*	New Year's Day Alcatraz Qualifier	TBA
December 21 *(Saturday)*	*Polar Bear Swim Starts*	

• Swim Program Rules •

1. Club scheduled swims are restricted to club members only.
2. Swimmers are required to wear fluorescent orange caps on all scheduled swims.
3. Swimmers must be members in good standing with dues current and swim fees paid.
4. New members are not eligible to swim in scheduled swims for 6 months from their membership start.
5. Out-of-cove swims are limited to 60 swimmers and may be further limited by the Swim Commission.
6. Alcatraz and Golden Gate swims are limited to 75 swimmers; Alcatraz swimmers are chosen by lottery.
7. Swim sign-up sheets are posted two weeks prior to each swim.
8. Time limits are imposed and enforced for all swims.
9. All club boats are reserved for scheduled swims; riders are prohibited.

• Additional qualifications for Alcatraz and Golden Gate Swims •

10. In-town members must successfully complete 2 swims marked with a wheel (☸) and one other scheduled swim and pilot or help on at least 2 others.
11. Out-of-town members (those residing 100+ miles from the club) must have successfully completed 2 of the last 3 club scheduled Alcatraz and/or Golden Gate swims or meet rule 10 above.
12. Once a member has qualified for Alcatraz/Golden gate swims, non-qualified members will be given priority to qualifying swims.

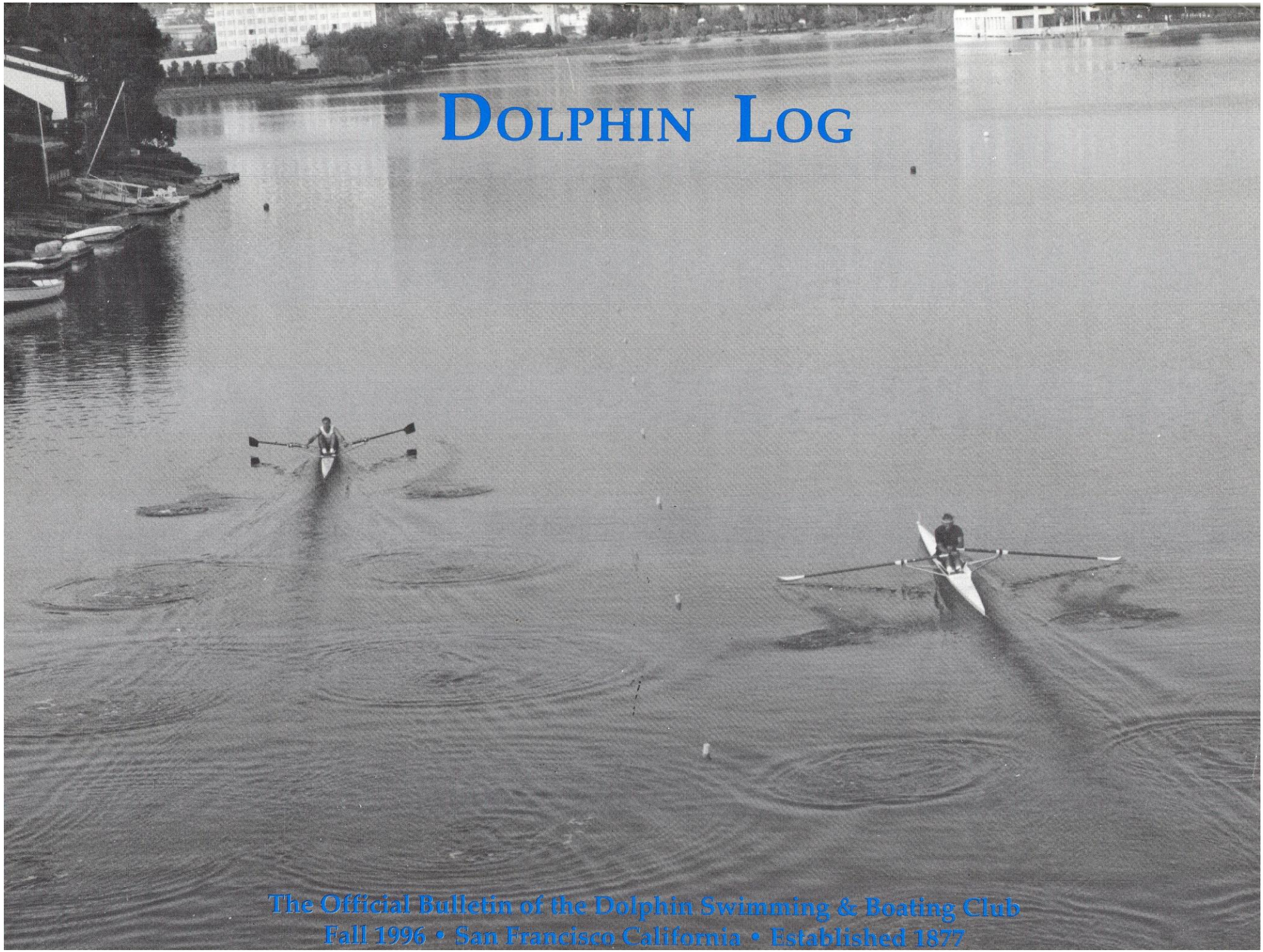


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News and Notes for the Dolphin Club Membership

On the Cover

Dolphin Michael Weissenberger defeats an opponent at the California Henley, held at Redwood Shores.

Dolphins Power Through Regatta Season

The summer flurry of regattas came and went, and Dolphins rowed home with a share of the glory.

The USRA Southwest Regional Master's Championships were held at nearby Lake Natoma. Fourteen clubs attended, representing San Diego and the areas of Los Angeles, Sacramento and the Bay. The Dolphin Club was well-represented by Dick Allen and Michael Weissenberger, who each took second place sculling in their respective divisions. The CSUS Aquatic Center managed to recover from a flood that had destroyed the course only a week before. It was an excellent venue. The race was supervised by Regional Director Ann Day.

Redwood shores was the site of this year's California Henley. Twenty-one organizations participated in this brutal, pugilistic contest. Rowers dueled two at a time, the winner advancing to the next race over a period of two days. Michael Wiessenberger battled all the way to the final race.

The Petaluma River Regatta and the Lake Merritt Sprints found Dolphin Gary Ehrsam carrying the blue and white ably. He took third in the lightweight sculls division at Lake Merritt and second in the Aero division at the 6 mile Petaluma contest.

Correction

In last issue's Rowing Report, it was reported that the Dolphin Shell house was moved to Lake Merced in 1952 and was given to the city as a utility building that same year. In fact, it saw use by many organizations including the Dolphin Club, who knew it as the lake's only boat house until 1959. After the 1959 construction of the Lake Merced Sports Center, the Club's old shell house was given to the city in exchange for a bay in the new building. We hope this clarifies some Lake Merced rowing history.

Nominations Open for 1997 Board of Governors

As we begin thinking about the chilly winter waters soon to come, it is also time to consider participating on the 1997 Board of Governors. Each November, the sitting Board receives nomination petitions from members to run for election to the six officer and nine governor positions. Over the years, the Board and membership have developed strict policies about how one submits their name for possible election.

First, only those who have been members for at least one year may submit the nomination petition, which must be signed by five members and presented in person at the November 21 Board meeting. If a member is unable to be present on November 21, for good cause, he or she must submit a written statement in advance explaining the situation. The Board will consider the request and decide if the rule is to be waived and the petition accepted.

Nomination petitions will be available in the Staib Room in early November. If you have trouble finding one, contact Lou Marcelli.

As a result of recent changes in the Bylaws, members running for Board positions may no longer use the Club mailing list to distribute campaign-like material.

Participating on the Dolphin Club Board of Governors is a great way to give back to the Club and learn about how it is managed. We look forward to receiving your petition.

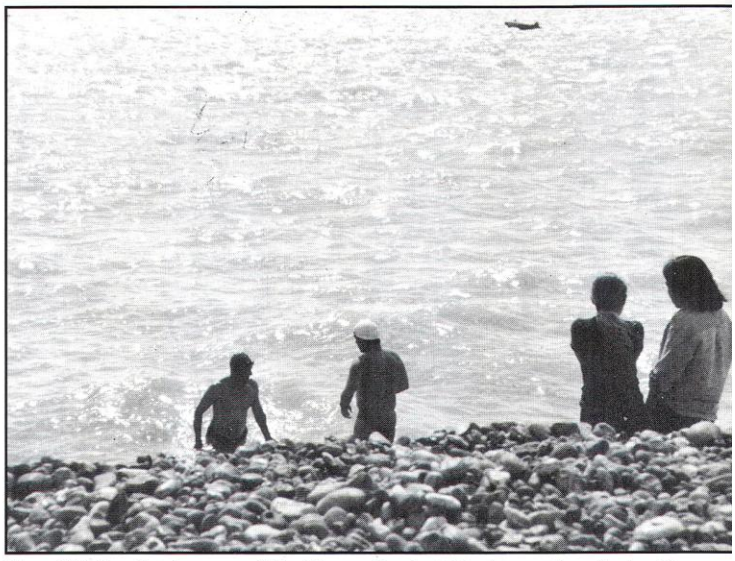
—Submitted by the Ballot Committee
Mimi Osborne, Lou Marcelli, & Phillip Rollins

Dues

Please remember must pay your dues whether you use the Club or not. All 1996 dues must be paid in full by the end of October, 1996. Dues are $360 a year for regular members. Life Members with a locker pay $100 year. You are responsible for payment of dues. We send bills as a courtesy only. Please contact Suzie Dods at 415-382-8893 if you have any questions.

The Dolphin Club Needs You

The Dolphin Club is continually working with our neighbors at the Port of San Francisco and the National Park Service, and our landlord, the City of San Francisco. It is of increasing importance to develop and maintain relationships with our elected and appointed officials. If you can help the Club establish contact with the Mayor,



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the Board of Supervisors, the Recreation and Parks Commission or our Federal representatives in Washington, please contact myself or any board member.

—David Zovickian

Election Results

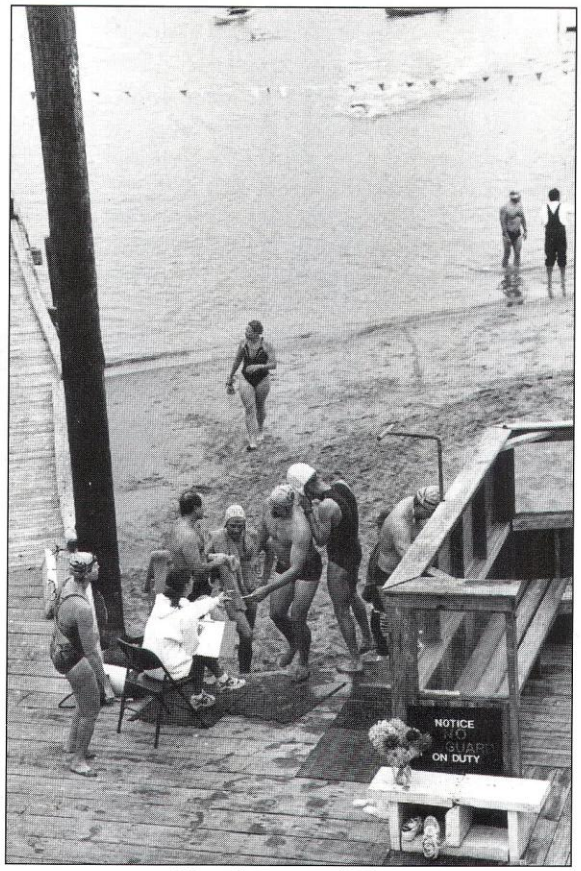
During the summer of 1996 the membership of the Dolphin Club voted on a series of By-law amendments that had been submitted by the Board of Governors. All of the proposed amendments passed by a greater then two-thirds (2/3) majority. The following are the amendments with new language printed in *italicized* and the stricken language with strike-through format:

By-Law Amendment #1—passed.
Article II, Purpose.
The purpose of this Club is to provide facilities for rowing and swimming and to engage in such other athletic activities as may be beneficial to the health and well-being of the members. *This property is maintained on behalf of the Recreation and Park Commission of the City and County of San Francisco.*

Amendment #2—passed.
Article III: Membership.
Section 2: Eligibility..
Any person of good character shall be eligible for membership ~~without regard to race, color, creed, political belief, national origin or sex~~ *without regard to race, color, religion, age, ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, sex, political affiliation, sexual orientation, physical handicap, marital status, medical condition (cancer related), conditions diagnosed as Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or AIDS Related Conditions (ARC), or any other grounds prohibited by law.* Each applicant shall obtain from the secretary an application form which shall be completed and submitted to the Board of Governors, together with an initiation fee and dues for six months. The *financial* secretary shall notify each applicant of the date when the applicant shall appear before the Board of Governors to be considered for membership.

Amendment #3—passed.
Article III: Membership.
Section 6: Annual Meetings.
....There shall be no proxy voting, and the number of voting members present shall constitute a quorum. *Except when a greater number is required by law or by other provisions of the By-Laws, approval by a majority of votes cast on a matter constitutes approval by the membership. Blanks and abstentions are not counted.*
By-Law Amendment #4—passed.
Article III: Membership. Section 7: Special Meetings.
Special meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Governors or by five (5%) percent or more of the membership for any lawful purpose. *The number of voting members present shall constitute a quorum. Except when a greater number is required by law or by other provisions of these By-laws, approval by a majority of votes cast on a matter constitutes approval by the membership. Blanks and abstentions are not counted.*

By-Law Amendment #5—passed.
Article III: Membership.



How do you spell that?

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Section 9: Action by written ballot.
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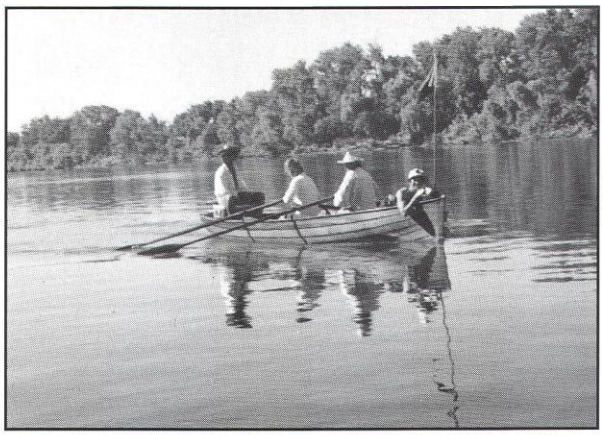
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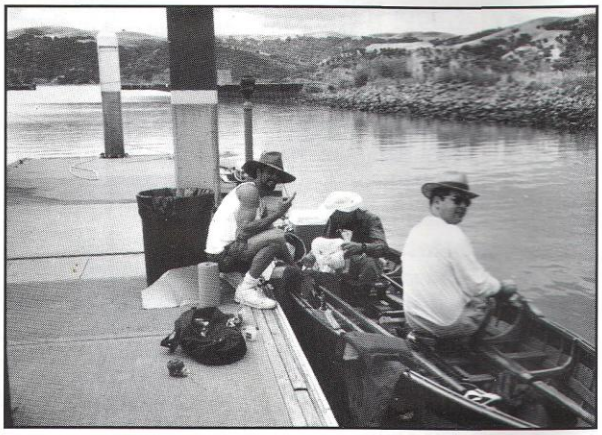
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At five a.m. our three doubles, the *Cronin*, the *Farrell* and the *Hughes*, glided out onto the calm waters of the Aquatic Park cove. I was first on the oars with Gabe, our boat captain. Steve and Padraic sat bow and stern. The sleeping city slowly retreated as we passed Alcatraz and rowed toward Tiburon. After 30 minutes, we switched and pulled past Angel Island, Tiburon and toward the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge. Dawn came, but the sky remained cloudy and grey and there was a cool breeze. The three boats moved ahead and we could see them making their way toward Carquinez straits. It was then when I began to wonder what I would talk about with these 3 strangers for the next 3 days.

At noon we reached our first destination, Benicia Marina, where we docked, used a real bathroom and had a quick lunch before returning to the oars. The sky gradually cleared and the water began to look aqua. We rowed past islands covered in tall grasses and all I could see was the grass, the water, and the sky. Sometimes fish leapt out of the water and fell back with a splash. My companions talked about past boat trips and fishing. I listened to their voices while the water of the bay lazily drifted by. Padraic told the story of the dyslexic, insomniac philosopher, who is up all night wondering if DOG really exists. He also knew the names of many birds we saw, blue and white herons, swallows, pipers.

We rowed 14 hours that day. Thirty minutes rowing, 30 minutes sitting in the bow. After the first few hours, my wrists began to ache and I had blisters on both hands despite my gloves. Gabe made sure we all drank enough water and applied sunscreen, so that we would not stroke out. We began calling out the remaining minutes in our shift to let the rowers know how much longer they had. Just before switching, the rowers usually put in ten full power strokes. Rowing became Zen. I focused on how my hand gripped the oar, how the oar entered the water, how my back muscles felt pulling through, how my thighs pushed. I listened to the sound of the water gurgling past the hull and the clack clack of the oarlocks. "Be one with your butt," said Gabe.



Benecia grease-down: Paul & John

At 7 p.m, exhausted and sore, we reached the first day's destination, Brannon Island. In spite of good maneuvers and hard, consistent pulling, we came in second after the jokers in the *Cronin*, powered by the team of Paul Gisler, Deb Henning, John Stacey, and John Kortum. The *Farrell* arrived about 30 minutes later, with Jon

Photographs by Ken Frank

Belinsky, Ken Frank, Bob David and Jimmy Sancimino.

On the island we found a beautiful campsite overlooking the river. We dragged our gear from the boats and broke out the food and the beer. I took a shower, five minutes for a quarter. Jimmy started to barbecue sausages and other goodies, and John was passing around some wonderful poundcake that Phil Kohlenberg had baked for us but I was too exhausted to really get excited about food. One by one the tired rowers began curling up in sleeping bags on the grass. As I drifted off to sleep, I could see the stars overhead and hear the wind in the trees.

The next morning dawned sunny and warm. Everyone was up and ready to go by 8 am, motivated by the planned breakfast in Rio Vista, just a few miles row from our camping spot. I wrapped both my hands in tape for protection against further blisters and we launched the boats once more.

Rio Vista is a sleepy little town on the banks of the river. I went into this hamlet with a few of our group while some stayed behind to watch the boats. We stopped at a bar. The heads of everything from gnus to wild boars hung on its walls. In the back I thought I saw a whole stuffed giraffe. A ghastly place to drink your beer, but I have to admit it had a certain charm.

We moved on to Stripers cafe, a down-home greasy spoon, where last year's rowers had gone for breakfast. After bacon, eggs and lots of thin brown coffee, we headed for the bait and tackle store. Steve bought a rubber worm and 60 lb test line, to try to get some of the fish that were jumping around us in the river. Back at the dock, some of us jumped into the river for a swim, clothes and all. After drying off, we said good-bye to the assembled locals who had come to check out our boats. We were off again.

It was around 11 by now. The sky was as blue as watercolor and the sun warm on my skin. Slowly we got into the rhythm of rowing again, changing teams every half hour. When I wasn't rowing I sat in the bow, watching the water flow by. Steve was in the stern, line jigging in his hand, fish on his mind.

Soon we entered the Sacramento river and someone spotted a thicket of trees full of dark, ripe fruit. This being a goof-off day, we steered right into the bushes that sat directly in front of the trees. Gabe and Steve climbed up to pick a whole bag of the fruit. They threw one to Padraic, who handed it to me. It was a fig. I bit right into it and ate the whole thing. It seemed a bit dry and something wasn't all right about it. When the other two came back with the bag full of figs, Gabe discovered they all had bugs in them and tossed them overboard. What kind of bugs had I just eaten? He kept one, then hurled it and hit a tin can 50 yards away on the riverbank.

On we pulled and saw a man and his little daughter on the bank, pulling a basket full of crayfish from the water. I had never seen crayfish and we drew closer to get a better look and chat with them. The little girl was about five, with curly blond hair and a sweet face. She brought me a crayfish and said: "Now you know what Crawdaddys look like." When we took off again, the man called after us: "If you get buzzed by an airplane in about an hour, that's us."

Soon we were distracted again because Steve let out a yell and began pulling in his line and to my amazement there was a huge striped bass hooked on it. Steve killed the fish by bashing it over the head with an empty Anchor Steam bottle. I took a picture of Steve and the fish and from then on the guys talked often about Lunker Junction, which apparently was some mythical fishing spot they all knew from a previous trip.

Meanwhile, our boat had fallen way behind the other two. This was partly because we strategically slowed down to troll under the shady trees by the riverbank for more fish and partly because the river had by now become a big playground with so many diversions that being ahead of the others didn't seem that important anymore.

At lunch time, we finally met up with the other boats and Steve had to show everyone his great catch. We went swimming again, had some lunch, chatted with the others and took off again in good spirits. It wasn't long before we heard a high drone in the air. A blue ultra-light airplane swooped down on us from behind a treeline and we recognized our crayfishing friends. They flew so low that I could clearly see the man and his little daughter in the open cockpit, waving to us. They made a sharp turn, climbed steeply, and dove down to buzz us one more time before disappearing over the treeline.

We dropped behind the other two boats and caught up again further up the river, where there just happened to be a first class rope swing suspended from a very high branch of a tree, jutting out over the water. John Kortum was the first one to try it out. He climbed onto the exposed root of the tree on the riverbank, grabbed the rope high up and leapt into the air. The rope made a graceful and long swing. John let go with a yell and splashed into the water. Then Steve and Gabe and I had a turn, with Steve winning in the best executed jump category. The trek began feeling like summer camp for adults.

We were now looking forward to the famed crayfish dinner and Margaritas at Delilah's Cortland Docks Marina, and did some serious rowing. At three in the afternoon the three boats docked at Delilah's and twelve hungry, thirsty rowers descended on the shady porch overlooking the dock and ordered pitchers of Margaritas. We toasted to a great trip, and Delilah herself brought plates full of bright red, boiled crawfish, little dishes full of melted butter, and sliced lemons and baskets full of french fries. She and Jimmy taught us all how to break these critters apart and eat some parts and suck out others. He claimed the brown gooey stuff in the head was the liver and good to eat, but some of us were suspicious of a thing whose liver was in its head and preferred the tails, which were like tiny lobster tails. The conversation was enlivened and corrupted by alcohol. Jon Belinski ordered us to get back on the river before we

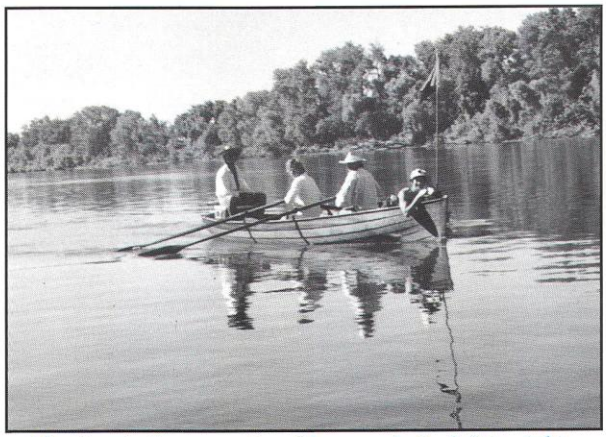
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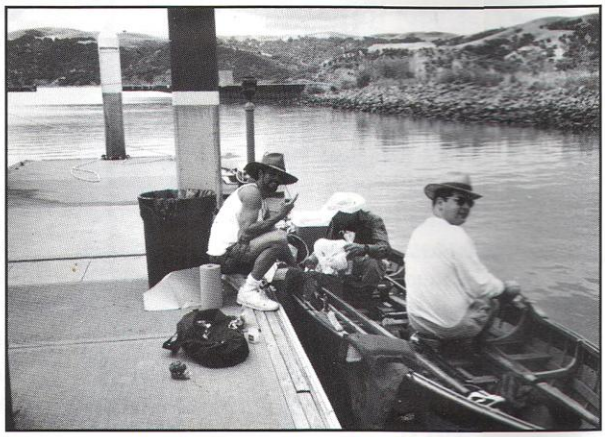
The participants met at the club at dark thirty the next morning. The Bay lay quiet and black, and the lights of Ghirardelli reflected on the water. Twelve dishevelled rowers packed their boats and assembled for the traditional picture on the dock. I was to be one of only two women on the trip. Just before we left, I met Deb, the other one, and she whispered to me: "Have they told you about peeing in the jug?"

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At five a.m. our three doubles, the *Cronin*, the *Farrell* and the *Hughes*, glided out onto the calm waters of the Aquatic Park cove. I was first on the oars with Gabe, our boat captain. Steve and Padraic sat bow and stern. The sleeping city slowly retreated as we passed Alcatraz and rowed toward Tiburon. After 30 minutes, we switched and pulled past Angel Island, Tiburon and toward the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge. Dawn came, but the sky remained cloudy and grey and there was a cool breeze. The three boats moved ahead and we could see them making their way toward Carquinez straits. It was then when I began to wonder what I would talk about with these 3 strangers for the next 3 days.

At noon we reached our first destination, Benicia Marina, where we docked, used a real bathroom and had a quick lunch before returning to the oars. The sky gradually cleared and the water began to look aqua. We rowed past islands covered in tall grasses and all I could see was the grass, the water, and the sky. Sometimes fish leapt out of the water and fell back with a splash. My companions talked about past boat trips and fishing. I listened to their voices while the water of the bay lazily drifted by. Padraic told the story of the dyslexic, insomniac philosopher, who is up all night wondering if DOG really exists. He also knew the names of many birds we saw, blue and white herons, swallows, pipers.

We rowed 14 hours that day. Thirty minutes rowing, 30 minutes sitting in the bow. After the first few hours, my wrists began to ache and I had blisters on both hands despite my gloves. Gabe made sure we all drank enough water and applied sunscreen, so that we would not stroke out. We began calling out the remaining minutes in our shift to let the rowers know how much longer they had. Just before switching, the rowers usually put in ten full power strokes. Rowing became Zen. I focused on how my hand gripped the oar, how the oar entered the water, how my back muscles felt pulling through, how my thighs pushed. I listened to the sound of the water gurgling past the hull and the clack clack of the oarlocks. "Be one with your butt," said Gabe.



Benecia grease-down: Paul & John

At 7 p.m, exhausted and sore, we reached the first day's destination, Brannon Island. In spite of good maneuvers and hard, consistent pulling, we came in second after the jokers in the *Cronin*, powered by the team of Paul Gisler, Deb Henning, John Stacey, and John Kortum. The *Farrell* arrived about 30 minutes later, with Jon

Belinsky, Ken Frank, Bob David and Jimmy Sancimino.

On the island we found a beautiful campsite overlooking the river. We dragged our gear from the boats and broke out the food and the beer. I took a shower, five minutes for a quarter. Jimmy started to barbecue sausages and other goodies, and John was passing around some wonderful poundcake that Phil Kohlenberg had baked for us but I was too exhausted to really get excited about food. One by one the tired rowers began curling up in sleeping bags on the grass. As I drifted off to sleep, I could see the stars overhead and hear the wind in the trees.

The next morning dawned sunny and warm. Everyone was up and ready to go by 8 am, motivated by the planned breakfast in Rio Vista, just a few miles row from our camping spot. I wrapped both my hands in tape for protection against further blisters and we launched the boats once more.

Rio Vista is a sleepy little town on the banks of the river. I went into this hamlet with a few of our group while some stayed behind to watch the boats. We stopped at a bar. The heads of everything from gnus to wild boars hung on its walls. In the back I thought I saw a whole stuffed giraffe. A ghastly place to drink your beer, but I have to admit it had a certain charm.

We moved on to Stripers cafe, a down-home greasy spoon, where last year's rowers had gone for breakfast. After bacon, eggs and lots of thin brown coffee, we headed for the bait and tackle store. Steve bought a rubber worm and 60 lb test line, to try to get some of the fish that were jumping around us in the river. Back at the dock, some of us jumped into the river for a swim, clothes and all. After drying off, we said good-bye to the assembled locals who had come to check out our boats. We were off again.

It was around 11 by now. The sky was as blue as watercolor and the sun warm on my skin. Slowly we got into the rhythm of rowing again, changing teams every half hour. When I wasn't rowing I sat in the bow, watching the water flow by. Steve was in the stern, line jigging in his hand, fish on his mind.

Soon we entered the Sacramento river and someone spotted a thicket of trees full of dark, ripe fruit. This being a goof-off day, we steered right into the bushes that sat directly in front of the trees. Gabe and Steve climbed up to pick a whole bag of the fruit. They threw one to Padraic, who handed it to me. It was a fig. I bit right into it and ate the whole thing. It seemed a bit dry and something wasn't all right about it. When the other two came back with the bag full of figs, Gabe discovered they all had bugs in them and tossed them overboard. What kind of bugs had I just eaten? He kept one, then hurled it and hit a tin can 50 yards away on the riverbank.

On we pulled and saw a man and his little daughter on the bank, pulling a basket full of crayfish from the water. I had never seen crayfish and we drew closer to get a better look and chat with them. The little girl was about five, with curly blond hair and a sweet face. She brought me a crayfish and said: "Now you know what Crawdaddys look like." When we took off again, the man called after us: "If you get buzzed by an airplane in about an hour, that's us."

Soon we were distracted again because Steve let out a yell and began pulling in his line and to my amazement there was a huge striped bass hooked on it. Steve killed the fish by bashing it over the head with an empty Anchor Steam bottle. I took a picture of Steve and the fish and from then on the guys talked often about Lunker Junction, which apparently was some mythical fishing spot they all knew from a previous trip.

Meanwhile, our boat had fallen way behind the other two. This was partly because we strategically slowed down to troll under the shady trees by the riverbank for more fish and partly because the river had by now become a big playground with so many diversions that being ahead of the others didn't seem that important anymore.

At lunch time, we finally met up with the other boats and Steve had to show everyone his great catch. We went swimming again, had some lunch, chatted with the others and took off again in good spirits. It wasn't long before we heard a high drone in the air. A blue ultra-light airplane swooped down on us from behind a treeline and we recognized our crayfishing friends. They flew so low that I could clearly see the man and his little daughter in the open cockpit, waving to us. They made a sharp turn, climbed steeply, and dove down to buzz us one more time before disappearing over the treeline.

We dropped behind the other two boats and caught up again further up the river, where there just happened to be a first class rope swing suspended from a very high branch of a tree, jutting out over the water. John Kortum was the first one to try it out. He climbed onto the exposed root of the tree on the riverbank, grabbed the rope high up and leapt into the air. The rope made a graceful and long swing. John let go with a yell and splashed into the water. Then Steve and Gabe and I had a turn, with Steve winning in the best executed jump category. The trek began feeling like summer camp for adults.

We were now looking forward to the famed crayfish dinner and Margaritas at Delilah's Cortland Docks Marina, and did some serious rowing. At three in the afternoon the three boats docked at Delilah's and twelve hungry, thirsty rowers descended on the shady porch overlooking the dock and ordered pitchers of Margaritas. We toasted to a great trip, and Delilah herself brought plates full of bright red, boiled crawfish, little dishes full of melted butter, and sliced lemons and baskets full of french fries. She and Jimmy taught us all how to break these critters apart and eat some parts and suck out others. He claimed the brown gooey stuff in the head was the liver and good to eat, but some of us were suspicious of a thing whose liver was in its head and preferred the tails, which were like tiny lobster tails. The conversation was enlivened and corrupted by alcohol. Jon Belinski ordered us to get back on the river before we

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President's Report

By David Zovickian

Questions & Answers

This quarter's update focuses on your frequently asked questions about Club issues and events.



Working toward swim safety: Colin Gift and Leslie Callan on the Bay

How is the Club responding to the Port of San Francisco's efforts to expand berthing facilities at Hyde Street Basin?

The Club presented its concern about the project's effect on water quality to the San Francisco Department of Planning; specifically, the lack of any effective management plan for the existing facilities at Fisherman's Wharf, and the absence of any plan for the proposed expanded berthing. The Department of Planning is reviewing comments submitted by the public before making any recommendations.

The Club has helped establish The Fisherman's Wharf Water Quality Advisory Committee as a means to oversee the existing harbor, and any future expansion of the berthing facilities. The committee is made up of Dolphin and South End Club members, local fishing associations, Pier 45 tenants, and the Port. Its main priority is to address the issue of water quality. This group will work to preserve and restore the environmental quality in the Pier 45, Hyde Street Pier and Aquatic Park areas.

Responsibilities include identifying problem areas and developing recommendations for these areas to reduce adverse effects on the environment. Additionally, the Club has joined the Fisherman's Wharf Tenants to work with our neighbors on issues that affect the entire Wharf, from water quality to parking and traffic.

What is the National Maritime Historic Park planning for Aquatic Park, and how will it affect us?

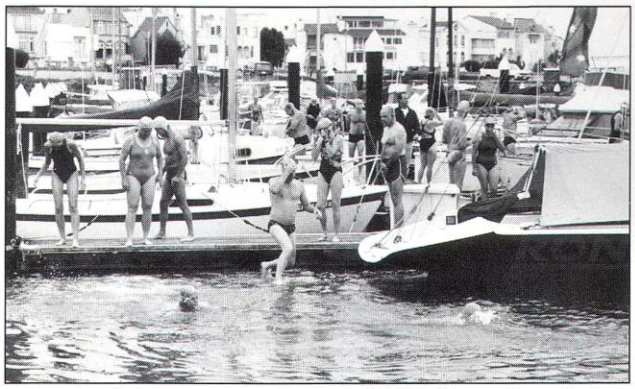
The National Park Service has just released a Draft Management Plan for the Maritime Park, which includes the Aquatic Park beach and lagoon. The Plan outlines three development alternatives (A, B, and C) for the Maritime Park. (The Maritime Park includes the Maritime Museum, Aquatic Park promenade, Hyde Street Pier, the Haslett Warehouse, and parts of Fort Mason.) Option A is the Maritime Park's most ambitious and first choice. It would fully develop existing and potential Park resources, including relocation and expansion of the Maritime Museum into the Haslett Warehouse, redesign of the Aquatic Park Promenade, elimination of parking along Jefferson and Hyde Streets, and expanded interpretive displays on Hyde Street Pier, the historic ships, the present Museum, and Fort Mason.

Option C involves the least amount of change to the existing Park. Its goal is to maintain the area as is. Option B is similar to A in terms of development of Park resources. The essential difference is the intent to relocate the Clubs



The Dolphin Spirit can find you in some strange places: Candace Kelly & Margaret Keenan on Lime Rock

to the west end of Aquatic Park, next to the Sea Scouts, to allow for unobstructed views of a vastly expanded plaza and entrance to Hyde Street Pier. Very few details are included in this Draft as to how the Clubs would be relocated, who would manage the Clubs (since the buildings and their leases would somehow be transferred from City land to Federal land), and how the unknown costs would be funded.



Jumping into summer — the Over 45 Gas House Cove Swim

All of the plans fail to recognize, or contain any meaningful analysis of the historic and current uses of Aquatic Park lagoon and beach for swimming and boating, and the role of the Dolphin and South End Clubs in providing contemporary ties with these historic recreational uses. Nor does the Draft provide a plan for the future management of the lagoon and beach that protects it as the irreplaceable resource for recreational swimming and boating it is. The Club is in the process of compiling extensive written comments to address these and other deficiencies in the Plan.

Now that the men have a nice new shower and sauna, when can the women expect work to start on their new facility?

Completion of the new men's shower and sauna finished Phase I. The demolition of the former men's shower and sauna has paved the way for Phase II, the relocation of the women's locker room to the west building, including a new shower and sauna; construction should begin by year end. A special thanks to all the Dolphin women for hosting the South End women throughout the summer. This was no small task given the existing cramped quarters that pass for our women's locker room, especially at rush hour. With Phase II set to begin, your new locker facility is on the way. Watch the board for announcements regarding construction schedules.

How will the results of the special election effect the membership?

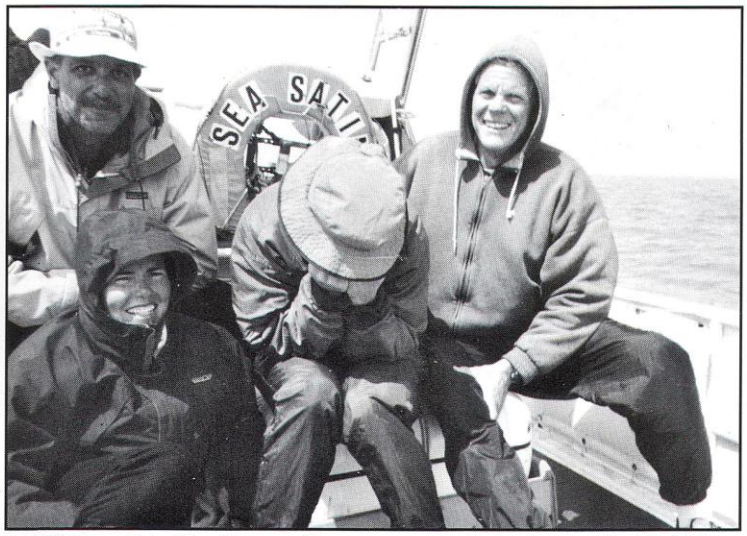
The Board considered seven changes to the bylaws in a special election, which members overwhelmingly approved. The first two measures update our bylaws to reflect existing City resolutions regarding management and our anti-discrimination statement. The third through sixth proposals establish a clear and uniform method for membership voting at the annual meeting at special meetings and by written ballot. Approval of the seventh & final measure eliminates access to the Club's mailing list for campaign purposes. This will help minimize potential abuse of the election process with the distribution of unverified/unsigned material.

I'm considering running for the Board; what's involved?

A variety of things, none having to do with being a glutton for punishment. As a Board member, you're asked to devote vast amounts of time and energy tending to the needs of an organization that means many things to a diverse group of people. The reward from making this effort is the sense of camaraderie with and contribution to the membership through your work. I strongly encourage anyone with an interest in setting Club policy and contributing to our 119 year history to participate. With at least seven spots opening up, there's plenty of room for new and familiar faces. We will post applications in October; you need not attend the November meeting to throw your orange cap into the ring. (Please see the election notice on page 2.)

What is it about the English Channel that keeps luring otherwise sane individuals half way across the world to spend the better part of the day swimming?

Beats me, not having been seduced by the promise of seemingly endless swimming while dodging ships and jellyfish. It could well be the chance to look for bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover, or perhaps the opportunity to dine on fine English cuisine. But on July 19, Steve Walker and Becky Fenson beat the odds to add their names to the exclusive list of Dolphins to swim the English Channel. Congratulations on the successful culmination of two years and many hours dedicated to training for this arduous challenge, and congrats to their crews for as many hours watching them swim, and swim, and swim.....



Off Cape Gris Nez, France. Can you guess who just swam the English Channel? Left to right: Zovickian, Burtch, Fenson, & Selmer

Over Sixty Cove Sw



ʏim —August 11, 1996



Photograph by John Perino

Dolphin Swim Statistics

March 21, 1996 — August 25, 1996

Polar Bear 1996
December 21, 1995 - March 21, 1996

1. Becky Fenson 132
2. Peter Drino 106
3. George Kebbe 104
4. Laura Burtch 96 1/2
5. Vince Huang 88
6. Phil Rollins 82 1/2
7. Ed Urban 81
8. Neal Powers 75
9. Mark McKee* 63 1/2
10. Sunny McKee* 63 1/2
11. Peter McLaughlin* 63
12. Larry Scroggins 63
13. C. von Blankenberg ... 58 1/2
14. Krist Jake 55 1/2
15. Margaret Keenan* 55
16. Mary Verdon 55
17. Suzie Dods 55
18. Mark Mullen* 54 1/2
19. Laura Merkl 53
20. Paul Ambrose* 52 1/2
21. Pavla Podolska 51
22. John Selmer 50
23. Joanne Klingle 50
24. Cliff Jennings 50
25. John Davies 50
26. Mike McCracken 49 1/2
27. Barbara Keller 49
28. Carter Seddon 49
29. Boris Rosenberg* 48
30. George Robin 47 1/2
31. Sue Garfield 47 1/2
32. David Zovickian 46
33. Steve Worthington 46
34. John Pelka* 45
35. Mimi Osborne 44 3/4
36. Lee Hammack 44 3/4
37. Joe Abbott 44
38. John Dugan 44
39. Liz Ann Schiff 43
40. Susan Cobb 43
41. Nancy Hayes* 43 1/4
42. Phil Kohlenberg 42 1/2
43. Lori Parmer 42 1/2
44. Pete Neubauer 42
45. Nancy Friedman 42
46. Kevin Hartnett 42
47. Charlie Martin 42
48. Don Campbell* 42
49. Marty Driscoll* 42
50. Michael Lord 41 3/4
51. Tom "Kickin" Kuglen 41 1/2
52. Mick LaVelle 41 1/2
53. Tom Hoffman 41
54. Dan Osborne 41
55. Pete Bianucci 41
56. C. Payne 41
57. Caxton Rhodes 41
58. Rachel Elgin* 41
59. John Davis* 40 3/4
60. Lindsay Casablanca ... 40 3/4
61. Jackie Merovich 40 1/2
62. Nick Payne 40 1/2
63. Mag Donaldson 40 1/2
64. Bill Powning 40 1/2
65. Beth Maher* 40 1/2
66. Eric Mellinger 40 1/2
67. Tony DuComb 40 1/2
68. Leslie Callan 40 1/2
69. Greg Simon* 40 1/4
70. Kate Cronin* 40
71. Mary Cantini-Norkin 40
72. Herb Madden 40
73. Jerry Cullen 40
74. Mike Webb 40
75. John Tansley 40
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77. Chuck Shackett 40
78. Joni Beemsterboer 40
79. Blath Grooning 40
80. Lou Marcelli ('75 P. Bear)21

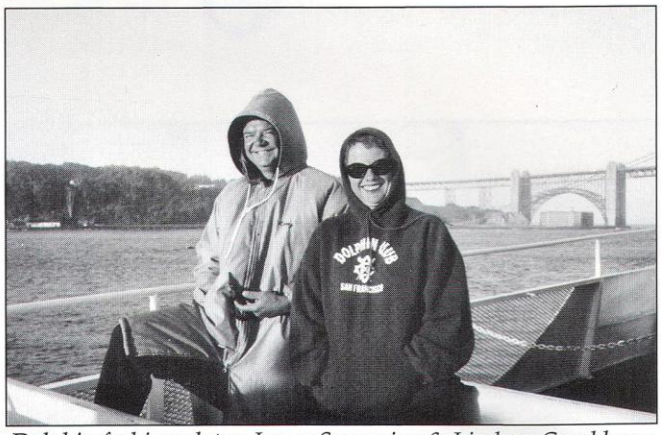
*s indicate Virgin Polar Bears

Spring Cove
March 23, 1996

1. George Kebbe 19:20
2. Laura Merkl 19:25
3. Dave Rich 20:15
4. Suzanne Heim 21:39
5. David Zovickian 21:46
6. Ed Urban 22:46
7. Krist Jake 23:46
8. Matt Sheridan 25:45
9. Marc Richard 26:14
10. Sunny McKee 26:23
11. Signe Copeland 26:35
12. Neal Powers 26:46
13. Roger Kleid 30:00
14. Keith Nelson 32:45
15. Mary Sancimino 35:17
16. Mag Donaldson 35:47
17. Rudy DeMay 36:20
18. Chuck Vogt 42:34
19. Don Reid 49:38

Helpers: Suzanne Heim, Don Reid, Chuck Vogt, Liz-Ann Schiff, Dennis Tison, Susan Lauritzen, Mike Webb, Susan Cobb, Era Osibe, Phil Fernandez, Lee Hammock, Susan Allen, Pam Stillwagon, Nancy Hayes, Laura Burtch, Becky Fenson, Tom Kuglen, and Signe Copeland.

Pilots: Peter Drino, Andy Camous, Bob Danielson, Ken Coren, Ruben Hechanova, Ken Frank, and Gabe Scurlock.



Dolphin fashion plates: Larry Scroggins & Lindsay Casablanca

Photograph by Margaret Keenen

Yacht Harbor
May 4, 1996

1. Diane Abele 25:57
2. John Selmer 25:58
3. Laura Burtch 26:49
4. John Davies 28:36
5. Peter Drino 29:45
6. Suzie Dods 30:22
7. Margaret Keenan 30:31
8. Mike Webb 30:49
9. Todd Oppenheimer 30:57
10. John Pelka 30:58
11. Phil Rollins 31:57
12. Bonnie Winn 32:22
13. Jean Howe 32:25
14. Pat McGarvey 32:25
15. Mark McKee 32:31
16. Alan Budenz 32:52
17. David Shutt 33:04
18. Jennie Muth 33:11
19. Krist Jake 33:13
20. Kate Coleman 33:55
21. Fred Johnson 34:18
22. Liz Ann Schiff 34:30
23. Anna Ratkovich 34:34
24. Neal Powers 34:44
25. Nancy Friedman 34:46
26. Sunny McKee 34:53
27. Greg Simmens 34:57
28. Van Metaxas 35:02
29. Gina Rus 35:16
30. Jackie Merovich 36:03
31. Tony DuComb 36:03
32. Tina Scott 36:31
33. Pam Stillwagon 36:47
34. Mary Verdon 36:53
35. Sue Garfield 36:55
36. Barry Christian 37:00
37. Tony Payne 37:44
38. Dave Copeland 37:52
39. Nancy Hornor 38:03
40. Barbara Keller 38:28
41. Dan McGill 38:41
42. Sandy Lehmkuhl 39:13
43. Will Powning 41:14
44. Francesca Cervantes ... 41:19
45. Neil Fishman 41:38
46. David Broadbear 46:44
47. Pavla Podolska 48:44

Photograph by John Perino



Dolphin heartthrob Eric Mellinger

48. Don Reid 49:00
49. Bill Powning 56:24

Helpers: Liz Ann Schiff, Pete Neubauer, Mimi Osborne, Mag Donaldson, Janice Kelly, Hank Skade, Bill Pickelhaupt, Chris Kelly, Kate Cronin, Pavla Podolska, Bob Dersham, Nancy Hornor, Linda Righetti, Eric Burke, and Noel Turner.

Pilots: Rich Cooper, Susan Allen, Andy Camous, Ned Hoffman, Phil Kohlenberg, Pete Bianucci, Matt Sheridan, Ken Coren, George Robin, Gary Ehrsam, Eduardo Barranco, Steve Worthington, Eric Mellenger, Ed Urban, Ann Sasaki, David Brandt, Phil Fernandez, Karen Boyer, Susan Lauritzen, Barbara Burns, John Sullivan, Dan Osborne, Kevin Hartnett, Gabe Scurlock, Bob Danielson, Colin Gift, David Zovickian, Neil Hartnett, and Pat Howard North.

Pier 39
May 11, 1996

1. Becky Fenson 21:44
2. Laura Burtch 23:35
3. Marla McGowan 25:18
4. Dave Rich 26:04
5. Eric Larsen 26:22
6. Margaret Keenan 26:57
7. Kelly Flynn 27:05
8. John Pelka 27:07
9. Lori Parmer 27:18
10. Peter McLaughlin 27:19
11. Peter Brand 27:25
12. Karen Boyer 27:30
13. Joni Beemsterboer 28:07
14. David Shutt 28:38
15. Jenny Muth 28:38
16. Liz Ann Schiff 29:30
17. Phil Fernandez 29:47
18. Fred Johnson 29:48
19. Ed Urban 29:50
20. Tina Scott 30:15
21. Nick DeMay 30:22
22. Lee Hammack 30:26
23. Dave Copeland 30:51
24. Mark Mullen 31:17
25. Pam Stillwagon 31:22
26. Wendy Kress 31:25
27. Ken Coren 31:52
28. Doug Chambers 32:00
29. Eric Burke 32:35
30. Barry Christian 33:32
31. Louise Bea 33:52
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33. Tony Payne 34:15
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35. Neal Fishman 35:55
36. Francesca Cervantes ... 36:04
37. Gerald O'Dwyer 38:01
38. Chuck Vogt 40:58
39. Don Reid 42:23
40. David Broadbear 43:04
41. Pavla Podolska 43:47
42. Bill Powning 57:23

Helpers: David Broadbear, Pavla Podolska, Mary Verdon, Mike Webb, James Mason, Krist Jake, Doug Chambers, Nick DeMay, Lindsay Casablanca, Era Osibe, Wendy Kress, Fred Johnson, and Lou Marcelli.

Pilots: Ned Hoffman, Andy Camous, David Brandt, Padraic Doyle, Tom Kuglen, Tony DuComb, Van Metaxas, Conrad von Blankenberg, Emily Roth, Celeste McMullin, David Zovickian, Karen Drucker, Rich Cooper, Mike DiNunzio, Jerry Cullen, Phil Kohlenberg, Tom Allen, Pete Bianucci, Dan McGill, George Robin, Matt Sheridan, Gary Ehrsam, Ann Sasaki, Al de la Pena, and Neil Hartnett.

Crissy Field
June 1, 1996

1. Laura Merkl 45:09
2. John Davies 45:10
3. Mickey LaVelle 46:17
4. Candace Kelly 46:32
5. Phil Rollins 48:23
6. Todd Oppenheimer 48:25
7. Alan Budenz 48:49
8. Larry Scroggins 49:06
9. Jean Howe 49:07
10. Conrad von B. 49:11
11. Peter Brandt 50:56
12. Rachel Havrelock 51:23
13. Matt Sheridan 51:35
14. Bob Fewster 51:35
15. Bob Blum 52:17
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23. Mary Verdon 55:21
24. Jackie Merovich 56:08
25. Dennis Williams 56:36
26. Leslie Callan 58:52
27. Joe Cowan 61:23
28. Chuck Vogt 61:35
29. Nick Strelchuk 62:27
30. Pavla Podolska 67:51
31. David Broadbear 74:05

The First San Francisco-Oakland Swim

By Walt Schneebeli

On August 23, 1996 I had the privilege of being on the party boat "JODY" skippered by "Duke" Gresci, accompanying 13 year old Andy Pinetti in a record S.F.-Oakland swim. I was reminded of the first successful completion of this event.

On August 6, 1882, Dr. Frederick Riehl, a veteran of the Franco-Prussian War, accompanied by a barge from the Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club, swam eastward from Black Point Landing, near the Dolphin Club's present location, shortly after noon.


DR. RIEHL IN SWIMMING DRESS.

Once in the water, he removed his clothing including, overcoat, shoes, pants and underclothing. His left stocking, however, was taken off only after a struggle by the Doctor compared to "a puppy tugging at a root," and he was finally under way.

Dr. Riehl experienced difficulty in passing Alcatraz Island, but at that point the current was in his favor and he eventually swam by the north end of Yerba Buena Island. This would be an impossibility now because of the formation of Treasure Island in the 1930s. He reached the old Oakland Pier 3 hours and 15 minutes after his jump off. Dr. Riehl was said to be completely exhausted, and was hauled aboard a dredger alongside the wharf where he was covered with blankets, tarpaulins and gunny sacks, until he was warm.

It should be pointed out that, although the Doctor might be considered eccentric for not removing his clothing before the swim, he spent many years on a study involving the saving of the lives of shipwrecked sailors. Many of his life saving methods, usually involving kites, were uncontrollable and dangerous and nearly ended the Doctor's life on occasion.

The Dolphin barge was manned by Al Rothkopf, Fred Katz, William J. Wisler, Ed Kalben, Emil Gerlach, and John E. Petersen. At the swim's completion the crew was described as nearly as wet as the Doctor.

Dr. Frederick W. Riehl died on May 19, 1919 in Alameda County, age 76.

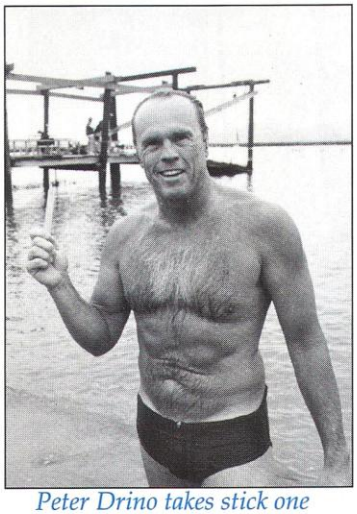
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Trolling towards the Gate: Peter McLaughlin, Kelly "Bad Boy" Flynn, & Margaret Keenan

Photograph by John Perino



Peter Drino takes stick one

Twilight Cove
June 21, 1996

Long Course

1.	Pam Derks	36:36
2.	Margaret Keenan	38:21
3.	Kelly Flynn	38:48
4.	Alan Budenz	38:50
5.	Pat McGarvey	38:59
6.	Phil Rollins	39:15
7.	John Pelka	39:33
8.	Mark McKee	39:41
9.	Sunny McKee	39:55
10.	Krist Jake	43:23

Short Course

1.	Monique Garvin	17:06
2.	Karen Boyer	18:56
3.	Tom Hofmann	20:36
4.	Janice Kelly	22:04
5.	Paul Ambose	22:09
6.	Rachel Havrelock	22:36
7.	Phil Fernandez	22:40
8.	Bob Blum	22:52
9.	Eric Liberty	23:05
10.	Mark O'Hara	23:06
11.	Carter Sedon	23:11
12.	Conrad Liberty	24:40
13.	Barry Christian	24:44
14.	Norm Duffet	24:56
15.	Mark Mullen	25:55
16.	Bob Fewster	26:31
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22.	George Gara	27:44
23.	Flicka McGurrin	28:12
24.	Signe Copeland	28:14
25.	Pete Bianucci	28:18
26.	Dave Copeland	28:22
27.	Jan Brewer	28:35
28.	Gary Erhsam	28:52
29.	Vince Rioux	29:58
30.	Doug Chambers	31:16
31.	Gerald O'Dwyer	33:12
32.	Debby Rose	33:58
33.	Susan Lauritzen	47:49

Helpers: Pat McGarvey, Pam Derks, Pavla Podolska, Mimi Osborne Diane Sosnoski, Francesca Cervantes, Nick Strelchuk, George Gara, Sid Hollister, Al de la Pena, Phil Rollins, Todd Oppenheimer, Barry Christian, Colin Gift, Meg Reilly, Pete Bianucci, and Van Metaxas.

Pilots: Dan Osborne, Kevin Hartnett, Phil Kohlenberg, Jim Fagan, Colin Gift, and Susan Allen.

Fort Point
June 30, 1996

1.	Becky Fenson	59:30
2.	John Selmer	1.06:38
3.	John Davies	1.15:17
4.	Phil Rollins	1.18:09
5.	Paul Wolf	1.25:59
6.	Laura Merkl	1.29:51
7.	Margaret Keenan	1.33:50
8.	Mark McKee	1.36:48
9.	Alan Budenz	1.39:33
10.	Liz Ann Schiff	1.43:18
11.	Tony DuComb	1.45:33
12.	Dave Copeland	1.46:41
13.	Paul Ambrose	1.47:05
14.	Pete Neubauer	1.47:50
15.	John Hornor	1.56:32
16.	Larry Scroggins	1.56:50
17.	Racheael Havrelock	1.58:10
18.	Conrad von B.	1.58:19
19.	Peter McLaughlin	2.11:12
20.	Neal Powers	2.14:55

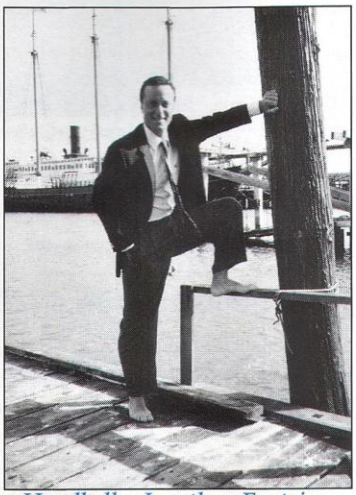
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Pilots: Colin Gift, Jim Fagan, Al de la Pena, Celeste McMullin, Lindsay Casablanca, Gina Rus, Pete Bianucci, Kevin Hartnett, Tom Kuglen, Rich Cooper, Susan Cobb, Dan Osborne, Kristin Nagasawa, David Broadbear, Gary Ehrsam, Barbara Byrne, Barry Christian, Linda Stanley, Nancy Hornor, Leslie Callan, Susan Lauritzen, Wayne Riddle, Todd Oppenheimer, Peter B randt, Eric Mellinger , Tom Hofmann, Carter Sedon, Karen Boyer, Dave Zovickian, Phil Kohlenberg, and Pat North Howard. Special Thanks to: Colin Gift, Jim Fagan, Al de la Pena, Mark O'Hara (test pilots); Nancy Friedman, Pat McGarvey (test swimmers).

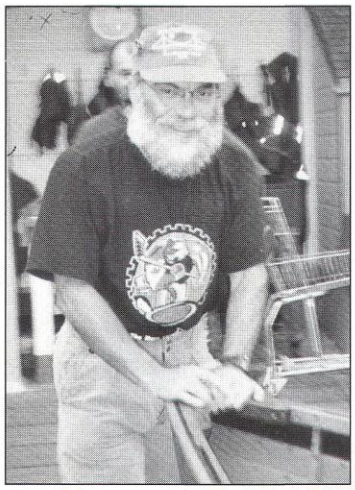
Bay Bridge
July 6, 1996

1.	Suzanne Heim	42:10
2.	Becky Fenson	42:47
3.	John Selmer	45:08
4.	Monique Garvin	46:56
5.	Candace Kelly	49:41
6.	Peter Drino	49:58
7.	Alan Budenz	50:34
8.	Margaret Keenan	50:46
9.	Jon Nakamura	51:30
10.	Suzie Dods	51:38
11.	Todd Oppenheimer	51:49
12.	David Rich	51:54
13.	Pat McGarvey	52:30
14.	John Pelka	52:43
15.	Peter Brandt	53:49
16.	Diane Sosnoski	53:22
17.	Conrad Von B.	53:52
18.	Peter McLaughlin	54:33
19.	Mark McKee	54:53
20.	Bonnie Winn	55:01
21.	Larry Scroggins	55:11
22.	Sunny McKee	56:17
23.	Megan Sullivan	56:32
24.	Mark O'Hara	56:45
25.	Liz Ann Schiff	58:00
26.	Mark Mullen	58:10
27.	Ken Coren	58:16
28.	Susan Cobb	58:38
29.	Tony DuComb	58:52
30.	Gina Rus	58:53
31.	Signe Copeland	59:52



Handballer Jonathan Epstein, back from Minnesota sans shoes

Photograph by John Perino



Dolphin sage Phil Kohlenberg prepares to pilot

Photograph by John Perino

32. Van Metaxas 1.00:02
33. Steve Worthington ... 1.00:46
34. Nancy Hornor 1.01:16
35. George Gara 1.01:46
36. Leslie Callan 1.01:53
37. Roger Kleid 1.06:09
38. Francesca Cervantes 1.06:28
39. Kate Cronin 1.07:51
40. David Broadbear 1.19:40

Photograph by Margaret Keenan

Helpers: Alan Budenz, Nick Blum, Bob Blum, Maria Grayson, Sid Hollister, Jim Grant , Suzie Dods, Carter Seddon, Rocky Muzzin, Don Reid, Tony DuComb, Bill Picklehaupt, Tom Hoffman, and Nancy Hornor.

Pilots: Colin Gift, Don Harrison, David Zovickian, Bob Danielson, Jim Fagan, Nancy Friedman, Susan Lauritzen, Jane Kreuger, George Robin, Carter Seddon, Deanne Mellinger, Ann Sasaki, Kristin Nakazawa, Phil Kohlenberg, John Sullivan, Tom Kuglen, and Al de la Pena.

Twilight Gas House Cove
July 26, 1996

1. Diane Abele 17:00
2. Chris Kelly 18:18
3. Marla McGowan 19:15
4. Pam Derks 19:46
5. Margaret Keenan 19:46
6. Karen Boyer 19:52
7. Eric Larsen 19:54
8. Alan Budenz 20:07
9. Eric Liberty 20:14
10. Todd Oppenheimer 20:37
11. Peter McLaughlin 20:46
12. David Shutt 20:47
13. Conrad von B. 20:49
14. Tom Kuglen 21:00
15. George Kebbe 21:05
16. Megan Sullivan 21:36
17. Bob Blum 21:48
18. Paul Ambrose 21:58
19. Kelly Flynn 22:22
20. Bob Fewster 22:24
21. Nick DeMay 22:44
22. Mark O'Hara 22:45
23. Peggy LaVelle 22:54
24. Janice Kelly 22:57
25. Susan Cobb 23:14
26. Van Metaxas 23:19
27. Keith Nelson 23:22
28. Conrad Liberty 23:34
29. Ken Coren 23:37
30. Jenny Muth 23:42
31. George Gara 23:53
32. Lorna Newlin 23:56



Swimmer's eye view of the Gate

Bianucci, Pete Bianucci, Meg Reilly, Eric Larsen, John Davies, Paul Ambrose, Chuck Vogt, Eric

33. Phil Fernandez 24:36
34. Mark Mullen 24:59
35. Tom Dugan 25:01
36. Tony DuComb 25:01
37. Steve Worthington 25:36
38. Carolyn Hyland 25:50
39. Ray Hassan 27:28
40. Tom Allen 27:35
41. Gary Ehrsam 27:52
42. Jim Grant 27:58
43. Susan Lauritzen 28:01
44. Bill Powning 28:24
45. Flicka McGurrin 28:55
46. Francesca Cervantes ... 29:29
47. Sid Hollister 30:30
48. Rudy DeMay 30:35
49. Deborah Rose 33:57
50. David Broadbear 34:10
51. Pavla Podolska 37:00
52. Don Reid 39:00

Helpers: Anne Sasaki, Tony DuComb, Suzie Dods, Nick Blum, Mimi Osborne, Moon, Bonnie Winn, Alice Jones, Diane Abele, Susan Anson , Megan Sullivan, Boris Rosenberg, Kate Coleman, Barnaby Payne, Candace Kelly, Pavla Podolska, Tom Kuglen, Todd Oppenheimer, Signe Copeland, and Pam Derks.

Pilots: Al de la Pena, Mike Webb, Jim Fagan, Phil Reiff, Andy Camous, Matt Sheridan, Barry Christian, Monica Towers, Dan Osborne, Bob Danielson, Colin Gift, Nancy Friedamn, Phil Kohlenberg, Rich Cooper, Mag Donaldson, Tina Scott, John Selmer, Steve Counselman, Tony Payne, Gary Ehrsam, and John Pelka.

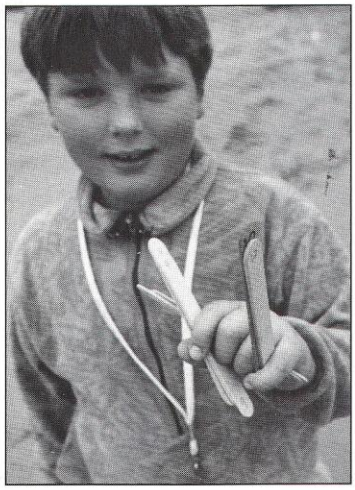
Santa Cruz
August 3, 1996

Out of 504 entries, the 36 Dolphins who participated are listed in order of place along with their times:

10. Suzanne Heim 17:55
34. Tom Dugan 19:00
40. John Selmer 19:09
87. Lynn Jolly 20:09
143. Marla McGowan 21:56
178. Karen Boyer 22:36
198. David Rich 22:58
206. Mick LaVelle 23:05
240. Elmer Tosta 23:59
245. Alan Budenz 24:03
263. Tom Hofmann 24:28
266. Margaret Keenan 24:31
268. Cathy Huang 24:31
310. Peter McLaughlin 25:49
326. Tom Kuglen 26:14
350. Mark O'Hara 26:54
361. Glynn Jones 27:15
374 Kate Coleman 27:36
377. Nancy Friedman 27:38
385. Vince Huang 27:54
401. Jenny Muth 28:14
408. Lorna Newlin 28:18
409. Tina Scott 28:26
446. Tony DuComb 30:50
455. Jack Bettencourt 31:57
459. Tom Allen 32:37
462. Susan Anson 32:45
466. Loretta Madden 33:56
473. Dennis Williams 35:03
474. Susan Lauritzen 35:18
476. Mag Donaldson 35:54
479. Pete Bianucci 36:19
484. Flicka McGurrin 37:48
490. Rudy DeMay 38:54
502. Bill Powning 49:41
504. Steve North 54:09

Over Sixty Cove
August 11, 1996

The Short Course



Which stick do you want, Mom?

Photograph by John Perino

1. Jimmy Vanya 14:53
2. Kent Rogers 15:31
3. Bob Hoff 17:39
4. Mariucci Iaconi 20:53
5. Lou "Solo" Marcelli .. 23:05
6. Bob McKenzie 23:05
7. Hal Miramonte 24:31
8. Bill Powning 25:01

The Long Course

1. Glynn Jones 18:45
2. Bob Danielson 19:15
3. Jerry Cullen 21:44
4. Phil Ingalls 22:52
5. Sandy Lemkuhl 22:56
6. Jack Bettencourt 23:14
7. Dan McGill 24:22
8. Nick Zoller 27:38
9. Peter Butler 28:44

10. Walt Schneebeli 30:02
11. Keith Weaver 30:10
12. Don Reid 30:48
13. Steve North 33:42

Helpers: Suzanne Heim, Debbie Rose, Dave Zovickian, David Broadbear, David Shutt, Laura Burtch, Lorna Newlin, Neal Fishman, Suzie Dods, Boris Rozenberg, and Paul Ambrose.



Marine Chuck Vogt reliving his beach landing training

Pilots: Susan Allen, Rocky Muzzin, David Broadbear, Larry Scroggins, Monique Garvin, John Davies, Alan Budenz, Susan Cobb, Colin Gift, Lindsay Casablanca, Flicka McGurrin, John Selmer, Meg Reilly, Kevin Hartnett, Chuck Vogt, and Jim Fagan.

Twilight Pier 41
August 16, 1996

1. John Selmer 20:19
2. Diane Abele 21:15
3. Chris Kelly 22:25
4. Marla McGowan 23:42
5. Alan Budenz 24:25
6. Suzie Dods 24:37
7. Rachel Elgin 24:38
8. Karen Boyer 24:39
9. Eric Larsen 24:49
10. Elmer Tosta 24:55
11. Margaret Keenan 24:56
12. Todd Oppenheimer 25:01
13. John Pelka 25:05
14. Pam Derks 25:07
15. George Kebbe 25:18
16. Diane Sosnoski 26:02
17. Dan Osborne 26:21
18. David Shutt 26:30
19. Kelly Flynn 27:05
20. Peter Brandt 27:11
21. Eric Liberty 27:34
22. Megan Sullivan 27:40
23. Paul Ambrose 27:47
24. Kate Coleman 28:02
25. Janice Kelly 29:00
26. Matt Sheridan 29:12
27. Bob Fewster 29:26
28. George Gara 29:53
29. Peggy Lavelle 29:56
30. Deanne Bianucci 30:09
31. Conrad Liberty 30:14
32. Tina Scott 30:20
33. Liz Ann Schiff 30:21
34. Tom Dugan 30:43
35. Phil Fernandez 30:52
36. Eric Burke 30:53
37. Barry Christian 31:29
38. Glynn Jones 31:31
39. Mark Mullen 32:10
40. Gina Rus 32:21
41. Boris Rosenberg 32:49
42. Leslie Callan 34:14
43. Tom Allen 34:39
44. Mark O'Hara 34:39
45. Joe Cowan 34:48
46. Louise Bea 35:06
47. Era Osibe 35:15
48. Jim Grant 36:20
49. Mary Cantini-Norkin .. 36:21
50. Flicka McGurrin 36:28
51. Bob Durham 36:51
52. Chuck Vogt 37:25
53. Sid Hollister 37:25
54. Neal Fishman 38:05
55. Francesca Cervantes ... 38:15
56. Debby Rose 41:57
57. Bob McKenzie 43:37
58. David Broadbear 44:42
59. Keith Weaver 46:47

Helpers and Pilots: Bob McKenzie, Gary Ehrsam, Susan Allen, Jon Nakamura, Pat McGarvey, Ken Coren, Nick Blum, Jane Krueger, Bob Blum, Rich Cooper, Wendy Kress, Linda Righetti, Diane Abele, Jim Fagan, Vince Huang, Ken Frank, Elmer Tosta, Phil Kohlenberg, Cathy Huang, Tom Kuglen, Flicka McGurrin, Pete Bianucci, Louise Bea, David Zovickian, Mimi Osborne, Al de la Pena, Megan Sullivan, Jeff Deren, Deanne Bianucci, Linda Stanley, Nancy Friedman, Rick Crafts, Colin Gift, Monica Towers, and Bob Danielson

Doc Howard Over 45
Gas House Cove
August 25, 1996

1. Peter Drino 18:30
2. Alan Budenz 18:43
3. Pat McGarvey 19:52
4. Diane Sosnoski 19:54
5. Conrad Von B. 19:55
6. Phil Rollins 19:56
7. Peter Brand 20:03
8. Dan Osborne 20:12
9. Tom Hofmann 20:19
10. Joni Beemsterboer 20:54
11. Jean Howe 21:00
12. Krist Jake 21:07
13. Pete Neubauer 21:42
14. Glynn Jones 21:50
15. Bob Fewster 21:51
16. George Gara 22:09
17. Neal Powers 22:40
18. Phil Fernandez 23:34
19. Nancy Friedman 23:46
20. Susan Anson 24:24
21. Tony DuComb 24:36
22. John Hornor 24:44
23. Jerry Cullen 24:57
24. Joe Cowan 25:58
25. Jim Grant 26:10
26. Lindsay Casablanca 26:15
27. Pat North Howard 27:45
28. Mary Cantini-Norkin .. 27:51
29. Chuck Vogt 27:59
30. Francesca Cervantes ... 28:02
31. Nick Strelchuk 28:22
32. Sid Hollister 28:51
33. Rudy DeMay 29:34
34. Sara McCuskey 30:11
35. Mimi Osborne 30:12
36. Bob McKenzie 30:32
37. Keith Weaver 30:59
38. Don Reid 32:27
39. David Broadbear 32:55
40. Steve North 34:47
41. Frances Bradford 35:28
42. Bill Powning 40:45

Helpers: George Gara, Pete Neubauer, Jenny Muth, Laura Merkl, Megan Sullivan, Nick Blum, Bruno Peguese, Sid Hollister, Glynn Jones, Mimi Osborne, Lee Hammack, John Hornor, and Peter McLaughlin.

Pilots: Colin Gift, Tom Dugan, Larry Scroggins, Boris Rozenberg, Bob Danielson, Rich Cooper, Eric Mellinger, Bob Blum, Phil Kohlenberg, Bob Derham, Andy Camous, Ann Sasaki, Pete Bianucci, George Robin, Al de la Pena, Gary Ehrsam, and Barry Christian.

Handicap Cove
August 25, 1996

1. Louise Bea-2 19:30
2. Greg LaRoche-2 19:37
3. Bob McKenzie-1 21:17
4. Gary Ehrsam-2 21:45
5. Debby Rose-2 22:14
6. Neal Fishman-3 22:18
7. Bob Blum-4 22:35
8. Mimi Osborne-2 22:49
9. Tom Kuglen-4 23:01
10. Krist Jake-4 23:16
11. Bob Fewster-4 23:27
12. Margaret Keenan-5 23:27
13. Dan Osborne-5 23:28
14. Karen Boyer-5 23:41
15. Vince Huang-4 23:42
16. David Zovickian-5 23:52
17. Glynn Jones-4 23:56
18. Ken Coren-4 24:01
19. Alan Budenz-6 24:20
20. David Broadbear-2 24:33
21. Susan Anson-4 24:37
22. John Hornor-4 24:38
23. Tina Scott-4 24:38
24. Suzie Dods-5 24:50
25. Laura Burtch-8 24:50
26. Chris Kelly-7 24:59
27. Walt Schneebeli-3 25:20
28. John Selmer-9 25:42
29. Eduardo Barranco-4 25:44
30. Kelly Flynn-5 25:58
31. M. Hirschfeld-3 26:07
32. Bob Durham-4 26:08
33. Bill Powning-1 30:27

Group 1=0, Group 2=(-2 minutes)
Group 3=(-4), Group 4=(-9),
Group 5=(-11), Group 6=(-12)
Group 7=(-13), Group 8=(-14)
Group 9=(-15)

Helpers: Don Reid, Joe Cowan, Pete Bianucci, Megan Sullivan, Janice Kelly, Roger Kleid, Sid Hollister, Nick Blum, Mike Dinunzio, John Hornor, and Tony DuComb.

Pilots: Susan Allen, Colin Gift, Conrad Von B., Jim Fagan, Matt Sheridan, Bill Picklehaupt, Phil Kohlenberg, and Andy Camous.

1996 Swim Schedule

- Date -	- Event -	- Jump-Off
November 9 *(Saturday)*	Annual Swim/Pilot Appreciation Dinner	TBA
November 17 *(Sunday)*	Introduction To Bay Swimming.	TBA
November 28 *(Thursday)*	Thanksgiving Day Cove	TBA
December 15 *(Sunday)*	New Year's Day Alcatraz Qualifier	TBA
December 21 *(Saturday)*	*Polar Bear Swim Starts*	

News

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By-Law Amendment #6—passed.
Article III: Membership. Section 9: Action by written ballot.
(d) The Board of Governors shall be elected by a plurality vote.

By-Law Amendment #7—passed.
Article IV: Board of Governors. Section 4: Nomination and Election.
~~(a) Upon written request by any nominee for election to the Board of Governors and the payment of the reasonable costs of mailing, including postage, the Club shall, within ten business days after such request providing payment has been made, mail to all members any material which the nominee may furnish and which is reasonably related to the election.~~

Thank You Rib Steamers

A special thanks to all the many volunteers who helped with steaming of the ribs for the Wieland recently. It was a successful evening and we look forward to the rebirth of the Wieland in the coming months.

From the Editors

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of the *Dolphin Log* is December 27, 1996. Feel free to contribute a story, ideas, photos, drawings, sketches, cartoons or archives that you think would be of interest to Dolphins. Leave your material in our box in the Staib Room, mail it to the Dolphin Club care of the editors, or approach us in person.

Twenty Years Ago

Twenty years ago, women were officially allowed membership in the Dolphin Club. The impact of female contributions reveals a lively and rich history. We know pieces of this legacy exist within the current membership. Club photographer John Perino, who suggested publishing a history of the 20th anniversary, said "for one person to do this, especially me, it would take about as long to research the accomplishments as it did to accomplish them." Please submit any stories, photos or archives that deal specifically or generally with the role of women in Club history for the winter *Dolphin Log*. All material should be put in the editor's box in the Staib Room ■

The Sacramento Row

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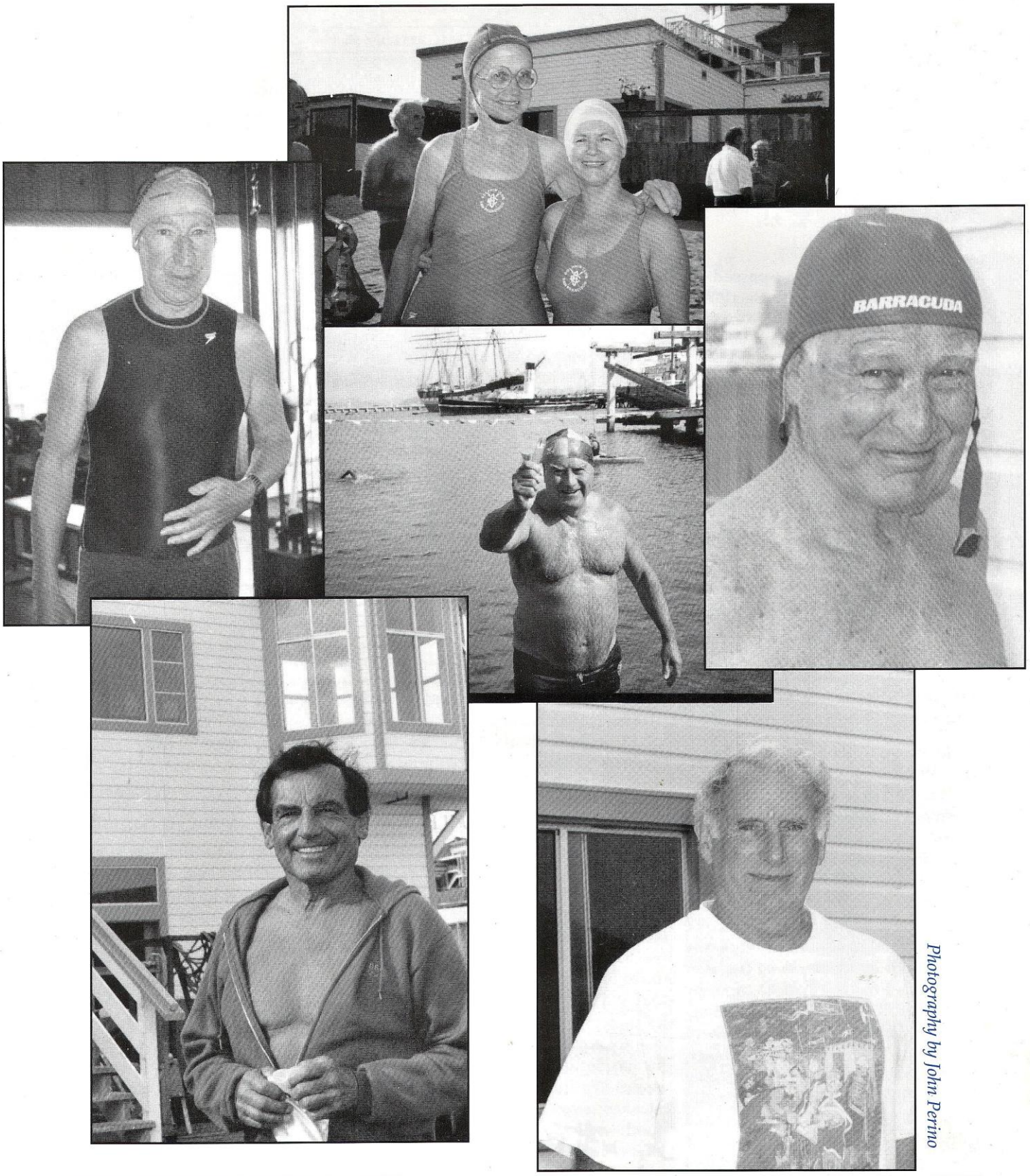
could become too loud and obnoxious. We still had 15 miles to row.

The afternoon faded to a warm summer evening. We started looking at our charts more often to see how much further we had to go. The two other boats had pulled way ahead of ours once more and had apparently spread word of our catch every chance they got, because fishermen who were camped out by the banks of the river often called to us: "A boat came by here about 30 minutes ago and they say you caught a fish". Then Steve pulled out The Fish from the cooler, where it rested among the remaining Anchor Steam bottles, and proudly hoisted it in the air to the astounded audience. So we became part of the river lore, known and revered before we even arrived.

The final ten miles that day were not easy and one could tell our punchiness by the content of our conversations. We giggled endlessly about word creations that simply added the suffix -age to anything we pointed out, as in floatage, boatage, birdage, etc. We rowed through the twilight and watched the moon rise in the darkening sky. The people on the riverbanks lit lanterns. We shortened our rowing shifts to 20 minutes each, and pulling the oars became more and more difficult. The last mile or so I rowed with Steve and we executed one final, incredible sprint into Freeport Marina.

Again we made a simple camp, meaning we took our sleeping bags out and laid them on the grass. Some of us went to the local pub, where a Karaoke event took place. I had dinner by flashlight in the grass with my boat mates. We discovered that Padraic had stashed away vast amounts of great food, smoked turkey and a good loaf of bread, an avocado and Asiago cheese. We made huge sandwiches and washed them down with cold beer. It had been an incredible day and now the trip was almost over. Before the sadness could creep into me, I fell asleep.

Jon Belinski brought us all coffee in the morning and we set off on an easy nine mile row and arrived in Sacramento at last. It was very hot and we took our time unpacking gear at Miller Park Beach, where dozens of jetskiers zoomed about. Bob David set up everyone for the official picture. We lashed the three boats on top of Paul's and Jon's trucks and then headed for a park, where Noreen waited. She had prepared a delicious BBQ picnic, consisting of Italian sausages, sourdough bread, fresh peas and fresh corn, green salad and salmon. Then we finally ate Steves fish, head and all, grilled to perfection under the watchful eye of Jimmy. We finally had time to all sit together and talk about our incredible experience and compare blisters. John Stacey and I, the two first-timers, had the most. There was more beer, champagne, some speeches, another swim and we finally piled into the cars to drive back to San Francisco. 72 hours had passed, and a lifetime of adventure on the Sacramento river. ☠



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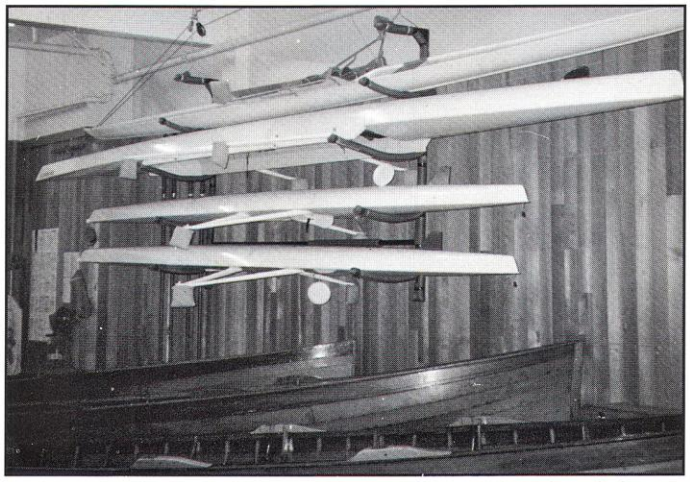
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Dolphin Bulletin Board

News and Notes for the Dolphin Club Membership

On the Cover

Pictured on the cover, a group of women calling themselves the San Francisco Bay Swimmers pose before an Alcatraz Swim in 1975. Challenging the rough waters of the bay and the status quo of the times, many of these women lead the effort to gain the legal right to join the swimming and rowing clubs at Aquatic Park. The Alcatraz Swim helped publicize their struggle and served to demonstrate the need for proper facilities. For the complete history see the fascinating article on page six.



Our new boat rack with the two Aeros and the other shells

Boat House News

Thanks to the design creativity and expertise of Dan Osborne and the structural knowhow of Pete Bianucci we have a new boat rack. Maas Dragonfly double (the "Tom Troneum") and our two new Aeros are waiting there for our use. To use them, just check some of the literature posted in the area and talk to one of our boat stewards.

The new boats don't have names. Some suggestions so far are *"Bay Bridge," "Golden Gate,"* and *"Black Point."* Suggestions are welcome. Credit given for creativity. Make some suggestions and put them in Gary Ehrsam's box in the Little Staib Room and we'll vote on them or draw straws or something. Also, if you have artistic talent and can paint the new name (and maybe the Dolphin logo) on the boats, please let us know.

—Gary Erhsam

Handball News

The two main handball tournaments of the year, the Cinco de Mayo and the Memorial Day events will take place at the Dolphin and South End Club's courts. The South End will host the games and all Dolphin Club members are invited to watch and join in the festivities.

The Cinco de Mayo tournament will highlight the best players in the Bay Area and will be held on the weekend of May 3 and 4th. Mexican food and beer will be available for a nominal charge.

The Memorial Day tournament attracts the best players in the western United States region. The tournament will begin Saturday, May 24th with the finals on Monday, May 26th, Memorial Day. There will be a no-host bar and food available for a nominal charge. Both tournaments feature doubles competition and are always exciting events to attend.

Results of the Election of Offices and Board of Governors -1997 Term

President		
David Zovickian	Unopposed	
Vice President		
Meg Reily	Unopposed	
Recording Secretary		
Jon Beilinsky	222	Elected
Laura Burtch	211	
Financial Secreatary		
Phil Kohlenberg	Unopposed	
Treasurer		
Phil Fernandez	Unopposed	
Boat House Captain		
Kevin Hartnett	231	Elected
Stan Hlynsky	202	
Board of Governors		
Peter Bianucci	361	Elected
Suzanne Heim	324	Elected
Kenneth Frank	297	Elected
Tina Scott	250	Elected
Patricia North Howard	225	Elected
Ken Coren	219	Elected
Louise Bea	209	Elected
Matthew Sheridan	163	Elected
Deborah Henning	162	Elected
Eric Mellinger	157	
Gary Ehrsam	150	
John Kortum	149	
Mark Mullen	129	

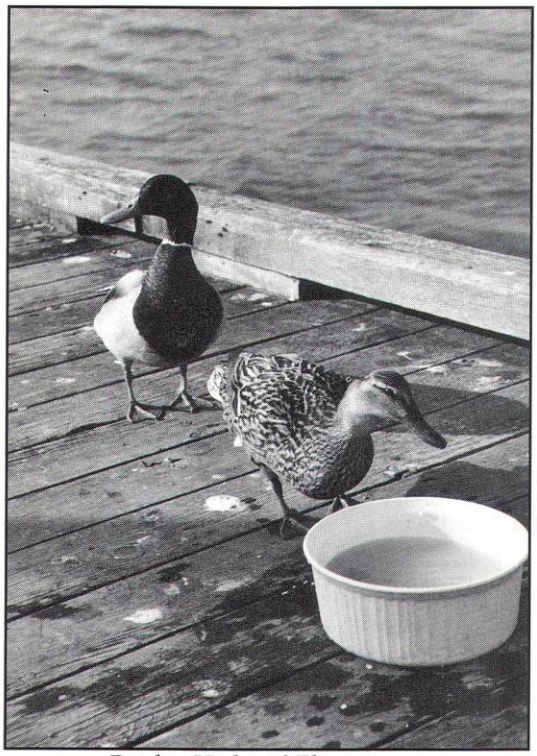
Shanghaied in San Francisco

Bill Pickelhapt announces publication of his latest book, Shangheid in San Francisco. A non-fiction book with more than 75 photographs and line-drawings—it tells of the crime, economics and politicians who made San Francisco the most notorious port in the world in the 19th century for kidnapping of men for service as sailors. Available directly from Bill for $17

paperback or $32 hardcover (both prices include tax), or at the Maritime Store for $17.95 and $37.95, plus tax.

Rowing Report

In the coming months, the Club's Rowing Program is sponsoring a series of rows around the bay. I plan to expand the number and availability of rows that are open to any qualified member in the future. My plan is to hold about one of those rows per month. It is my hope that we can encourage more members who want to row but are somehow intimidated (launching and solo rowing at the beginning can be scary) to become active members of the rowing community. Club rows, like the last one to Mission Rock, will be prominently announced in the Rowing Commissioner's space near the front door.



Brother Herb and Eleanor

The recent Row to Mission Rock Restaurant went very well. We took three doubles and one single, with a total of eleven people. Most of those attending volunteered for the Gas House Cove swim that took place before we departed. The weather was sunny and warm, and we had a very strong flood tide going, and an equally strong ebb tide returning. The following Dolphins participated: Deb Henning, Cynthia, John Tansley, myself, Andy Camus, Padraic Doyle, Phil Kohlenberg, Ken Frank, Gabe Scurlock, Suzanna Freiderich, and Eric Mellinger.

In an effort to better organize and control the training program, I am now requiring members who want to attend rowing training to fill out a form (located in the same space as the announcements above) including their name and phone number, their rowing experience, and whether they would like the class held in one or two days. I am doing this to better gauge how many instructors will be needed for each class.

The following is the rowing training schedule for 1997:

March 22,
April 19 and 20,
May 31,
June 21 and 22,
July 20,
August 23 and 24,
September 20,
October 18 and 19,
November 22 and 23,
December 20 and 21

—Phil Reiff

Beachmaster's Report

Brother Herb and Eleanor have returned to their wood and water roost at the Dolphin Dock. Having avoided the muzzles of hunters, marauding racoons and the perils of pollution, the avian couple are enjoying the largesse and vigilance of repentant former duck hunter Lou Marcelli.

Dolphin Club Fund

It's that time of year again. In this year's dues bill, you received a letter asking you to contribute to the Dolphin Club Fund. The fund, created last year in conjunction with the San Francisco Foundation, is a tax-deductible way for Club members to support the San Francisco Park and Recreation youth swimming programs—programs whose city funding has been seriously reduced in recent years.

Last year the fund raised over $5,000 which helped purchase 308 "Learn to Swim" tickets for San Francisco youth. Each ticket was good for 10 swims. The fund, which is endorsed by the Dolphin Club Board of Governors, was conceived by member Joe Cowan as a way for the Dolphin Club to reach out to our community. Voluntary contributions are made directly by individuals, not out of the Club's coffers. Donations can include memorial gifts and estate planning bequests. Your generosity will benefit others and add warmth to the great Dolphin Spirit.

Kayak Regatta — Fun, Safe, Successful

This past October 5th, ten volunteers and several craft from the Dolphin Club joined in the wet fun of the 15th annual Seatrek Kayak Regatta. Seatrek is a commercial sea kayaking company that offers rentals, sales, in-



Dolphin volunteers after the Seatrek Kayak Regatta

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struction and excursions. Each year the owner, Bob Licht, sponsors the kayak regatta as a fundraiser for the Environmental Traveling Companions program. ETC leads disabled and disadvantaged people on outdoor adventures on the bay and on local rivers. The Dolphin Club has assisted with this event for a decade.

The day-long event included races, demonstrations, a cardboard kayak race, dinner and a dance, also known as the ETC Adventurers Ball. There was also a live auction of donated items including outdoor gear, kayaks, and vacation trips.

The Club's mission was the safety of the races. Over 200 kayakers competed on three different courses, the longest of which was a challenging loop that began at Sausalito, went around Alcatraz and Angel islands, then returned to the picturesque tourist town. The winning time was 1 hour 38 minutes. The first woman completed the course in 2'04". The Dolphin volunteers showed the same level of concentration, expertise, and enthusiasm they exhibit when piloting our swims. Past years have seen kayakers pulled to safety, unable to last in the rough waters between Alcatraz and Angel Island.

Bob Licht again expressed his gratitude to the Dolphin Club. For our part, aside from the free t-shirts and a good time, including a swim off the beach in Sausalito, we were able to practice our piloting skills, volunteered 51 hours of public service (Club's agreement with

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Dolphin Club Milestones 1996

Life Members

Pax Beale *Joined March 1971*
Len Pera *Joined June 1971*
Nick Zoller *Joined June 1971*

Golden Dolphin Membership (fifty years)

Roland Demarais *Joined December 1946*
Elmer Hubacher *Joined December 1946*

Deaths

Arnold "Pete" Campana *Joined November 1938*
Died January 31, 1996

Raphael "Ray" Belluomini *Joined August 1954*
Died June, 1996

Charles Yeager *Joined January 1954*
Died 1996

George Wertin *Joined February 1975*
Died December 21, 1996

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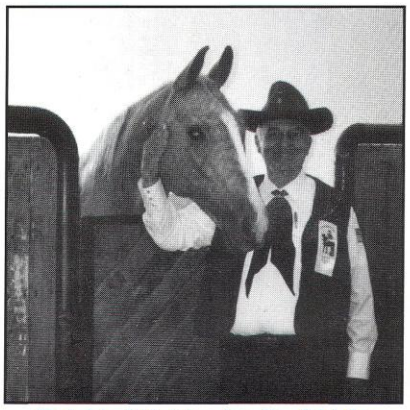
Beach Master
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Old Timer Profile

By Athena

Aviator to Equestrian— A Dolphin Journey

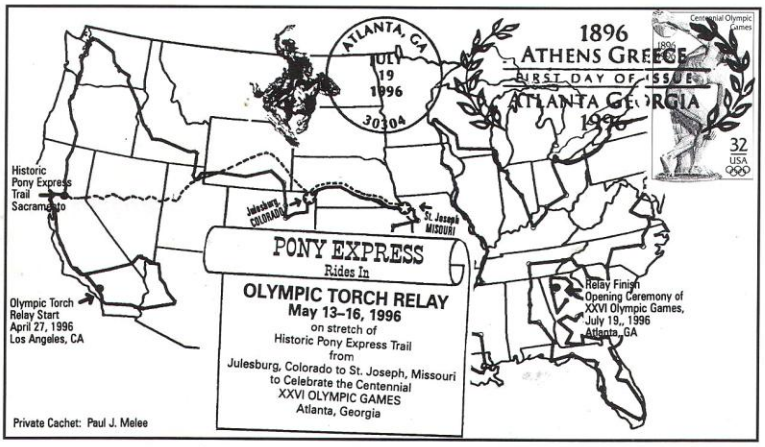
Among the many beloved old timers at the Roast Beef Dinner, née Crab Feed this year was a hale and hearty Dolphin Club Life Member (1954) named Paul Melee, 69 years young this January. Paul came to San Francisco after his career in the Navy as an F4-U Corsair fighter pilot was grounded by the Korean Conflict. We're happy he survived; but he regretted the day he had to trade wings for fins—until he became a Dolphin!



Dolphin Life Member Paul Melee and his favorite horse Tu Ruff (sweeter than his name)

The Fifties were great years for Paul: war over, education resumed at Hastings, lots of great swim challenges to train for ("The Gate", "The Rock", "The Island" as in Angel). Then Paul met Betty Jean, who was out West from Michigan, and carried a torch for her. He has the Club to thank for the success of their courtship—their first date was a picnic in a glistening rowboat borrowed for the occasion. Expecting a fine bench in Aquatic Park, Betty showed up in high heels and gloves with a basket of chicken and a bottle of wine. No matter. The clincher for her was the Gate Swim: "He looked just like a Greek god rising out of the waters with that swimmer's body!"

Well, time passes and gods become greater, if mortal, with the responsibilities of raising a family. This Paul did for over 30 years in Sacramento, where he headed his own family-oriented law practice. Swimming became a beloved memory. But athletic progress continued from wing to fin to hoof. An avid fan of the Wild West, Paul became active in a horsemen's organization called The National Pony Express Association. Today's Pony Express reenacts a yearly relay race on horseback from Sacramento, California to Saint Joseph, Missouri, on the Original Historic Pony Express Trail, covering 2,000 miles across rugged terrain. For two important years over a century ago, this trail was the only swift means of communication from the Eastern United States to the Western Territories until the First Continental Telegraph line was strung in 1861. Modern Pony Express riders attempt to beat the 1861 horseback mail-carrying relay record of seven days.



It was pilot turned Dolphin turned horseman Paul Melee who delivered in Washington, D.C. a petition to a Congressional Committee to again save the original Pony Express Trail as a National Historic Monument, as it had been in 1961 at its Centennial. Good things come in 100s—in 1996, Paul had occasion to celebrate another Centennial. He carried the Olympic Torch on horseback over a stretch of the original Historic Pony Express Trail as a segment of the Centennial Olympic Torch Relay (from Olympia, Greece to Atlanta, Georgia) for the XXVI Olympic Games. The riders covered 533 miles of the Olympic Torch relay in 57 hours from May 13 to May 16, 1996 over parts of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri.

The National Pony Express Association was chosen to carry the Olympic Torch for its historical significance, efficient athleticism in the horseback relays, and for its long-term commitment to the ideals of freedom and individual achievement over adversity. These are qualities not unlike those possessed by Paul himself, who had tried out for the Olympic Swim Team in L.A. when he was 17. While he never made it to the Games, the light in the torch he carried did. Like Diogene's lantern—now that's really Greek to me.

A Look Back on Recent History: Women's Admittance into the Club



History there = is no disaster = Those who make history = Cannot be overtaken = as they will make = History which they do = because it is necessary = That every one will = Begin to know that = They must know that = History is what it is = Which it is as they do...

—Gertrude Stein, from We Came, A History, 1930

"It'll just never be the same." The truest words spoken in Dolphin history? Yes.

Twenty years ago in October 1976, six women became members of a 99 year-old all-male domain. From that point, a series of myths and tall tales have sprung up surrounding the official admission of women to the Dolphin Club. Pete Bianucci, president of the Club in 1975, put it the most succinctly: "A woman hadn't asked to join before then." The men were taken by surprise and didn't know what to do.

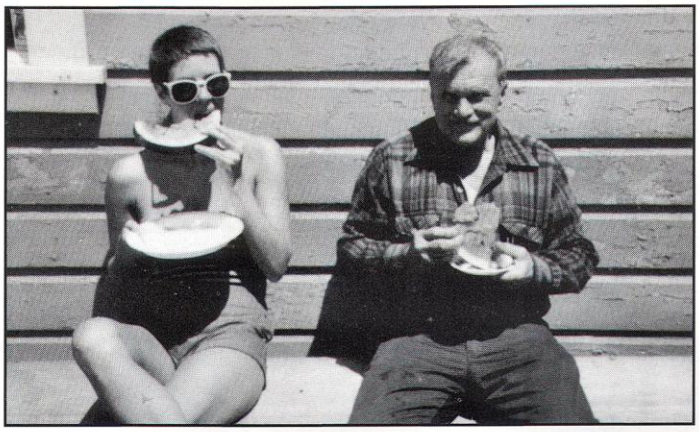
The 1970s rolled in with a flood of change. Many like to say nothing happened during this decade—not like the 60s—people were self-absorbed—busy with "est" and disco. But there were major changes afoot in society at large and San Francisco in particular. The civil rights movement and the anti-Vietnam War protests laid a foundation for what continues to be an ongoing struggle and question: What role do women play in society and how does this impact traditional gender roles?

By Jennifer Finlay

The women's liberation movement was part of the flood. In 1972 Congress passed the Equal Rights Amendment and sent it off the states in what was seen as great victory for women. Title IX opened up women's athletics in universities and high schools. With this backdrop, thousands of gay men were migrating to San Francisco. The concept of pure masculinity was under the greatest attack in modern history.

The Dolphin Club of the pre-women era was a different club than we know today. Both Dan Osbourne and Pete Bianucci, members from the early 60s, described the Club as being a haven where men could come and get away from

it all. They could cuss, get drunk, and walk around freely in the building buck-naked. The Staib Room was a smoke-filled den of card playing Dolphins. Jacqueline Powning, whose husband was a member, completes the picture: "It was not my idea of a women's place, it was dirty and smelly, not a proper place to bring a woman." Jacqueline joined in 1977 and is one of the two senior women members of the Club. She spent time at the Club as a guest of her husband Bill, as did many women before 1976. A group of women, usually wives or girlfriends of members, would come down on weekends to sun and swim with their mates. They also brought their children along—giving the Club a more familial appearance. There were Spartan facilities for women: a small shower and six lockers. But it was still clearly a man's domain. Jacqueline Powning also recalls that the annual formal event was held outside of the Club, in a hall or restaurant, because the Club was deemed inappropriate for such an event. As Dan Osbourne put it: "It was kinda raunchy and the guys liked it that way." The jokes made and the attitudes displayed were macho, and the swimming and rowing was much more difficult. There was no sauna until the mid-60s and the boat fleet was slowly aging into an anachronism. The Club hit an all-time low in 1963 with the accidental swimming death of Jim Small. Interest in organized swimming dropped off. Membership hovered around 200. The Dolphin Club could have faded away, a paragraph of eccentric history of San Francisco as did the neighboring Ariel Club, also known as San Francisco Rowing Club. Just over 10 years later, the Club would take its place anew in that history. The Dolphin Club was merely a tiny cog in this upheaval.



Cindy Ehrlich and Hans Kramer circa 1977

In 1974, there were three clubs at the foot of Hyde: the Dolphin, the South End, and the San Francisco Rowing. There were also public shower and changing facilities under the stands of Aquatic Park. The South End and Dolphin Clubs were still viable institutions with a solid but small membership. The SF Rowing Club membership had dwindled to about a dozen and the club was rented out for dances and parties. And now there were these women who filed a lawsuit against the SF Rowing Club. Armed with the legal precedent of 1972's Title XI and the social impetus of the time, a small group of women, some swimmers, some not, hired a lawyer to take on the case of equal access to the private/public SFRC. Part of the original 1974 suit brought up the points that the club (SFRC) was not living up to the agreement with the City to promote water sports on the bay as well the later suit. (An additional point was added two years later, charging that the clubs were not maintaining first class conditions.) For the first time in the Club's history, women were pounding on the doors wanting to become full and equal members of the historic institution—not just girlfriends, wives, and daughters.

These women had strong legal ground on which to stand: the City of San Francisco moved all the clubs to their present locations in 1938 and the clubs transferred the right of ownership to the City for the right to occupy the clubs—a classic City political move. The question being asked was how could the City support a discriminatory organization that was occupying City property? Yikes! The response to the original lawsuit (1974) from inside the Dolphin Club was rather positive—the men could have their club and the women would take over the SFRC.

In the meanwhile, women were continuing to swim off the beach and facing somewhat hostile conditions in the public shower areas including cold water, winos, bums, and junkies. One woman swimmer, according to a SF *Chronicle* article, was raped. (In 1976 the suit was amended to include both the Dolphin and South End Clubs.)

Yikes was right. Now things were getting messier by the day — the City and the then-new Golden Gate National Recreation Area had just recently reached an agreement to turn parts of



Jackie Merovich prepares for a Gate crossing, circa 1996

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President's Report

By David Zovickian

The Year Ahead

Entering 1997, the Club continues it's ambitious program of modernization and expansion, particularly with respect to the women's locker room facility. In 1996, the first phase of the project was completed, the construction of a new men's shower and sauna. Some additional upgrades with respect to access for the disabled were included; a new front door and access ramp, an accessible pay phone on the ground floor, and restroom modifications. Plans for phases two and three are nearly complete, with construction estimates being prepared. Phase two is the construction of a new women's shower, sauna and lavatory in the site of the former men's shower complex, and the relocation of the women's lockers to the west men's locker room. The final phase is the remodeling of the former women's locker room into men's space. The challenge facing the Club is the relatively new responsibility of complying with the Americans With Disabilities Act. When this project was approved by the membership, such compliance was not anticipated. With the implementation of ADA, the scope has expanded to include, among other things, the addition of an elevator to provide equal access to the Club's second floor. Obviously, this has changed the financial picture considerably from what was originally proposed. Further, because of ADA and City requirements, the Club will likely be required to integrate phases 2 and 3 into one concurrent phase. The effect of this is to sizably increase overall construction costs and prevent the Club from stretching out the project phases and associated costs, forcing the Club to incur greater total costs over a much shorter time.



Pilots ready to recover swimmers northeast of the Gate

Photograph by Susan Lauritzen



A little Dolphin checks out Santa's beard at the Xmas Party

Several years ago, the membership approved a dues increase of $5.00; the revenue generated would fund sorely needed improvements to the men's, and especially the women's, locker rooms. Prior to phase one, some of these funds were used to put a new roof and paint job on the Club. These revenues also funded the just completed phase 1, and are in place to fund phase 2. However, because of the above mentioned requirements, phase 2 will probably have to be bundled with a more costly than originally planned phase 3, for which adequate revenues do not exist at this time. To proceed with the remodeling project, the Club may seek an assessment of its membership. Otherwise, waiting for the Club to build up enough reserves to cover the costs will take several years. Since their inclusion into the Dolphin Club the women have been forced to make due with a significantly undersized and under supplied space. To wait even longer, while membership grows and their existing facilities further deteriorate (and the men enjoy a new shower and sauna facility), would be quite burdensome.

Please watch the Club bulletin board, and this space, for further information.

Club Lease Status

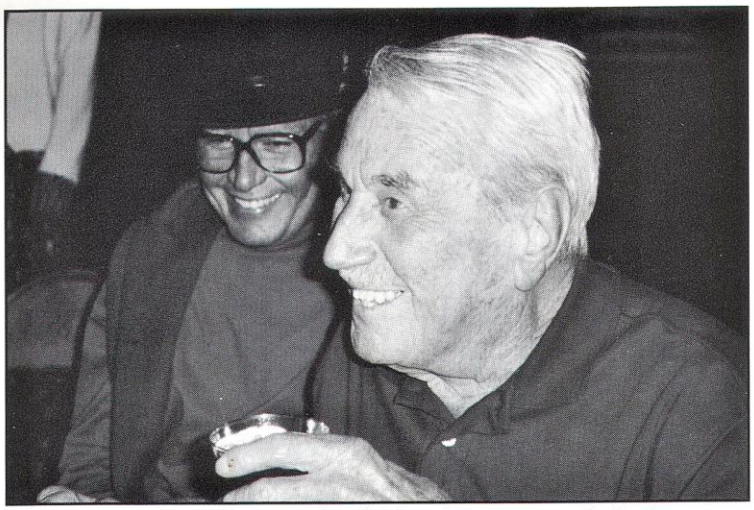
The trickle down effect of City Hall politics has reached McLaren Lodge and the Recreation and Park Department, our landlord. The impact on our negotiations for the extension of our lease, set to expire in 2004, is significant. The Department general manager, assistant general manager and the Club's property manager have all been replaced within the past few months, disrupting months of discussion. Fortunately, with seven years before the lease expires, plenty of time remains to renew the process. The two areas of focus are: 1) the Club's considerable investment of capital improvements, in dollars and volunteer labor, for a facility which the City owns, yet, does not financially support, and 2) the Club's considerable efforts to develop public awareness and outreach to the community.

Chaired and coordinated by Nancy Friedman, the public and media relations committee spearheads such public awareness and outreach efforts. This committee does much more than merely deal with the occasional film crew wanting to set up shop in our Club or immediate neighborhood (in fact, as a non-profit organization, it is Club policy to discourage commercial uses of our Club). In addition to reviewing requests for news, commercial, and PR uses of the Club, its facilities and equipment, the committee coordinates public outreach efforts, improving access to the general public. Such efforts include our resurrected and revived Club brochure and development of our own on-line WEBSITE. The Club also reaches out into the community through programs like the Dolphin Club Fund, which underwrites swimming lessons for underprivileged youth at City Rec. & Park pools, and our Introduction to Bay Swimming clinic for high school swimmers. To this end, the Club needs volunteers to work with Nancy to develop and implement our public access and media relations programs. This way, you can help spread the word that the Dolphin Club is the place to enjoy the varied pleasures of the Bay.

Dolphin Volunteers

Many of our members volunteer time and skills to preserve and protect the Bay as a valuable resource for everyone's enjoyment. As part of an agreement with the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the Club keeps a log of activities and time devoted to benefit the Bay. In 1996, members totaled in excess of 300 hours in service to the Bay; for example, organizing and coordinating safety and support services for Sea Trek's annual regatta for the disabled and disadvantaged by member Barry Christian; providing support and safety services for the Dragon Cup USA races by Al de la Péna; painting sewer curbs to read 'Do Not Dump - Drains To Bay' by Conrad Von Blankenburg; assisting the Baykeeper, in cooperation with Galileo High School students, in regularly measuring and monitoring water quality in Aquatic Park by Peter Molnar; and, providing public lectures and readings on the history of San Francisco and the Bay by Bill Pickelhaupt. All such efforts should be reported to me for inclusion in our Club records.

A great deal of volunteer effort goes into the routine day-to-day operation of the Club. The sustained success of the Club comes from maintaining a high level and standard of voluntarism throughout the organization. While the Club contracts out such things as fleet maintenance and repair and various construction and remodeling projects on an independent basis, we have only one paid employee, our public access door person. All other positions, such as Boat Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, or Commodore (the esteemed Lou Marcelli) are performed on a strictly volunteer basis. In an athletic facility such as ours, there is always a need for support to get through the various occasional and recurring tasks, be it weekly kitchen clean up, vacuuming the carpets, sweeping out the rooms, or shoveling sand out of the foot bath pit. If you've got the drive to assist in organizing cleanup crews or simply want to pitch in with a mop or broom, leave a note for myself or Commodore Lou.



Frank "Cecco" Menucci and Edward Barranco at the Swim and Pilot Appriciation Dinner— 1996

Our Club programs operate on a similar volunteer basis. Swim Commissioners Pete Bianucci and Pat Howard are always seeking energetic Dolphins to help out in the organization and implementation of our extensive program of swim events. From coordinating the pilot fleet, to running the galley and sorting and entering the results, there's always something to

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Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club's Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon October 20, 1996

	Competitors	Club	Swim	Bike	Run	Total
1.	Erik Burke	DC	42:57	51	2:23	3:56
2.	Chris Kelly	DC	37:03	52	2:30	3:59
3.	Vince Fausone	SE	44:58	56	2:26	4:06
4.	Peggy Lavelle[1]	DC	49.05	57	2:27	4:13
5.	Mark McKee	DC	46:09	53	2:37	4:16
6.	Matt Davis[2]	SE	48:01	51	2:39	4:18
7.	Rory Moore	SE	56:08	54	2:38	4:28:20
8.	Allan Calder	SE	37:14	47	3:04	4:28:30
9.	Caxton Rhodes	DC	48:32	55	2:45	4:28:54
10.	Jeff Woodhead	SE	48:17	53	2:54	4:35
11.	Margaret Keeanan[3]	DC	39:57	55	3:04	4:38
12.	Keith Nowell	SE	51:40	61	2:54	4:44
13.	John Churton	SE	56:20	68	2:42	4:46
14.	Mike Webb	DC	45:24	53	3:14	4:52
15.	Ken Coren	DC	53:55	62	2:58	4:53
16.	Tom Callinan[4]	DC	50.51	56	3:08	4:54
17.	Tony DuComb	DC	57:13	65	2:56	4:58
18.	Barry Christian	DC	53:35	68	3:21	5:22
19.	Andy Field	SE	44:49	63	3:36	5:23
20.	Micky Lavelle	DC	41:02	69	3:38	5:28
21.	Krist Jake[5]	DC	42:55	69	3:38	5:29
22.	Keith Nelson	DC	48:35	63	3:42	5:33
23.	Jon Nakamura	DC	38:41	59	4:01	5:38
24.	Janice Kelly	DC	49:13	68	3:47	5:44
25.	Gina Russ	DC	50:44	76	3:45	5:51:48
26.	Tom Unthicum	SE	52:46	77	3:42	5:51:50
27.	Gerald O'Dwyer	DC	107:55	71	3:40	5:58
28.	Sunny McKee	DC	46:52	65	4:29	6:20
29.	Gary Erhsam	DC	115:14	65	3:27	6:26
30.	Lorna Newlin	DC	51:26	80	4:38	6:49
31.	Eric Von Blankenberg	DC	42.46			
32.	Tom Ferraro	DC	46.58	88	NTR	
33.	Peter Butler	DC	114:49	87	NTR	

Notes:
[1] First Woman
[2] Fist Male Cruiser Class
[3] First Female Cruiser Class
[4] 16th Consecutive Year
[5] Oldest

Relay results can be found on page 15

The Escape

By Pete Bianucci

The Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club's annual Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon was held on October 20, 1996 with some exciting results. After a few years of South End triumphs, the the Dolphin Spirit rose to carry the day; with first place wins in the male, female and relay divisions.

The day started out with an 8:00 a.m. jump off from Alcatraz Island. The swim was led by Becky Fenson with a fast time of 29 minutes and all but one swimmer finishing the crossing. Water conditions were excellent, tides minor and weather brisk.

Gabe Scurlock lead the cycling pack with the fastest time of 38 minutes. With Becky as his teammate, he clearly had the lead for the relay team. Gabe's run was 2 hours and 28 minutes finishing the event with a total time of 3 hours and 56 minutes.

Eric Burke was out of the water in 42 minutes, through the bike in 52 minutes and flew over the Dipsea trial with the fastest run of two hours and 23 minutes. Eric was the first to complete the entire course with three hours and 56 minutes.

Peggy Lavelle was the first woman. With a swim of 49 minutes, bike of 57 minutes and a run of two hours and 27 minutes, with her total time was four hours and 13 minutes.

Matt Davis of the South End Rowing Club came in 6th place to win the men's cruiser class, and Margaret Keenan of the Dolphin Club won the women's cruiser class.

Tom Callinan finished his 16th Escape—the only member to have completed every Escape. Look out Joe Bruno, it looks like another record is in the making.

Back at the Dolphin Club, we had a dinner prepared by Mimi Osborne and a team of helpers. An awards ceremony followed.

Some were trained, some weren't as ready as they would have liked to have been, but all went away with the thought "wait until next year."

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do; see Pete or Pat at any swim to pitch in.

This year, Rowing Commissioner Phil Reiff brings a great deal of enthusiasm to the rowing program. Strengthening an already sound program, Phil will be working hard to reinforce and develop the Club's training program for the Whitehall fleet, in addition to our newly acquired rowing shells, as well as the kayaks and rescue boards. Also in the works is a schedule of events (possibly with some in conjunction with the South End Club) open to all members, including outings to nearby coves and beaches, and various dockside establishments. Out at the Lake, rowing commissioner Gary Ehrsam is expanding and energizing the training and racing programs, introducing more members to the art of shell rowing, and participating in regattas all over the state.

The racing shell, currently quite popular at the Lake, is becoming increasing popular back in the Bay. With the acquisition of training shells for use in Aquatic Park, and the increasing popularity of kayaks and surf skis, particularly in piloting swims, clearly the membership has never enjoyed so many options on the Bay. All of this occurs at a time when the Whitehall fleet is arguably in its best shape ever, under the watchful eye of contracted professional care and a well trained volunteer workforce, thanks to first-hand experience gained on Tuesday nights working with the independently contracted boat builder.

As a member, you have an expectation and right to get your concerns addressed and questions answered; always feel free to contact any Board member (pictured on page seven) or commissioner. I look forward to hearing from you; I am at the Club most weekday mornings between 6 and 7:30 a.m., and weekend mid-mornings. Or, leave a message in my mail box, located in the little Staib room.

Privately Owned Water Craft— Stored at the Dolphin Club

(KAYAKS, SHELLS, ROWBOATS, BOARDS, MOTORBOATS, ETC.)

The following are the basic rules and guidelines ...

When in doubt, ask the Boat House Captain, Rowing Commissioner, or any Board Officer)

- Private craft kept at the Dolphin Club must be registered with the Boat House Captain.
- Private craft are kept at the Dolphin Club at their own risk;
- The Dolphin Club is not liable for damage to, or theft of, your craft.
- Private craft kept at the Dolphin Club are available for use by any qualified member.
- Members are qualified when they have successfully completed the Dolphin Club training program specific to the craft; for example:
 motor craft—operators require successful completion of Dolphin Club motor craft instruction
 kayak—users require successful completion of Dolphin Club kayak instruction
 shell—users require successful completion of Dolphin Club shell instruction (at Lake Merced)
- Qualification programs are under the direction of the Boat House Captain.
- Non Dolphin Club members are not allowed to use privately owned craft out of the Dolphin Club facilities.
- Private craft kept at the Dolphin Club can not be used to pilot non Dolphin events from the Dolphin Club.
- All craft must be signed out in the log book located in the Boat House.
- Users must adhere to all City, State, Federal and Dolphin Club safety regulations (i.e. personal floatation devices, etc.).
- Users of privately owned craft are responsible for damage they cause to craft.

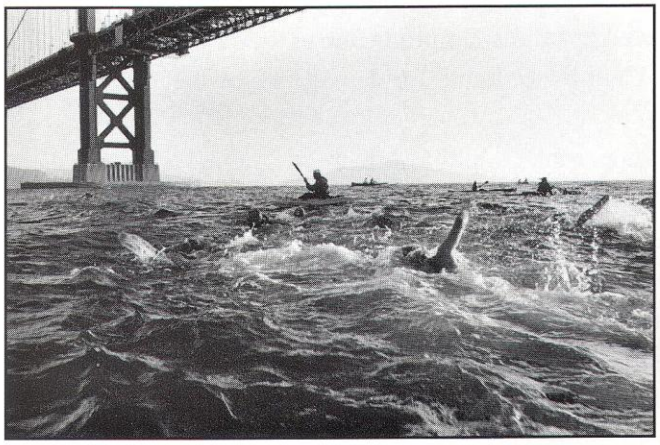
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Swim Report

By Pat Howard, Swim Commissioner

The Swim Program: Mechanisms of Memory and Experience

More than a year ago, I arrived late to one of the out-of-cove swims. In the way Pete Bianucci and I have divided up the work, it is my responsibility to get the coffee started, set up the check-in table, etc. But, as I said, I was late and so Pete, along with two or three ever reliable volunteers, immediately stepped in and took care of what needed to be taken care of. When I arrived, I could see right away that everything was in good working order and so I walked out to the end of the dock. There were still a few boats preparing to launch, but looking out over the cove, I could see the better part of the piloting force heading out toward the opening. I was struck by how orderly and purposeful everyone carried out their duties. Like a beautifully crafted watch, the swim program operates out of its own internal mechanisms of memory and experience.



Dolphins blast across the Gate

The swim program has been in existence for a very long time, tended and refined by more recent swim commissioners such as Phil Rollins, Tom Hofmann, Joni Beemsterboer, Vincent Huang, and David Zovickian. Standing out at the end of the dock that day I became aware of my role as one of the caretakers of a program with long established rules, policies, and the miracle of a group of volunteers constantly reinventing itself with new members. These new members take it upon themselves to join in and become familiar with the jobs necessary for the swim program's continuation. Sometimes there aren't enough volunteers to cover important tasks and sometimes rules need to be refined to insure a more efficient and safe program, but mostly, enough volunteers show up and the rules and policies are the same rules and policies that have been around for a very long time.

Pete and I are beginning our third year as Swim Commissioners with the help of some very good-hearted people who are willing to volunteer their time and energies. Nancy Friedman is also beginning her third year in charge of trinkets with this caveat: she would like to enlist someone to help her this time around. Jackie Merovich is beginning her second year as the "financial secretary" for the swim commission. (Thank you, Lord.) Tom Kuglen will be joining the swim commission although his specific area of responsibilities has yet to be defined. And if you are interested in getting more involved, we would welcome your help.

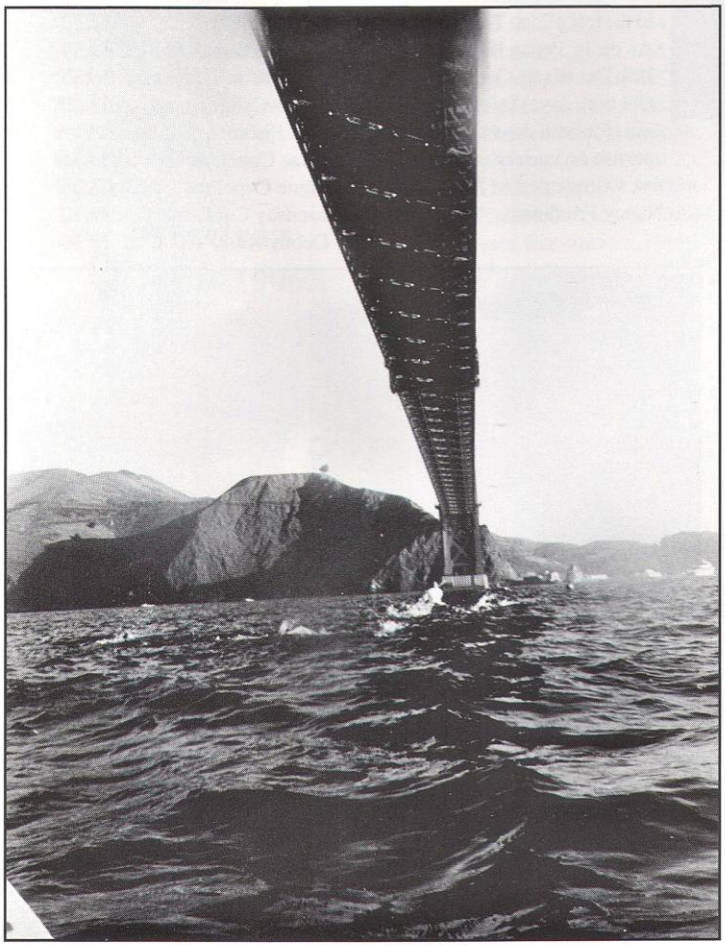
What all is involved? Well, looking back at the 1996 Swim Season there were 23 organized swims (9 in cove, 13 out of cove, and 1 out of cove swum in the cove that went out of the cove and back into the cove), 175 swimmers, 86 pilots, 500 hot dogs, 400 hot dog buns, 3 kegs of beer, 37 gallons of coffee, 14 gallons of milk, 2,340 paper cups, 793 bagels, 40 tubs of assorted cream cheeses, 200 glasses commemorating the Alcatraz Swim, 300 license plate holders for Golden Gate, 4 quarts of brandy, 16 Hefty garbage bags, and two-thousand one hundred and eighty four donuts. Obviously, this is not an all-inclusive list, but hopefully it will give you an idea of the behind-the-scenes operation.

1996 proved to be a noteworthy year with special champagne ceremonies recognizing the accomplishments of Joe Bruno, including his record 61 crossings of the Golden Gate. It was a measure of the love and respect felt towards Joe by his fellow Dolphins in the way they happily and quickly joined in to organize the festivities. The Joe Bruno Golden Gate Swim is, and will be, in perpetuity.

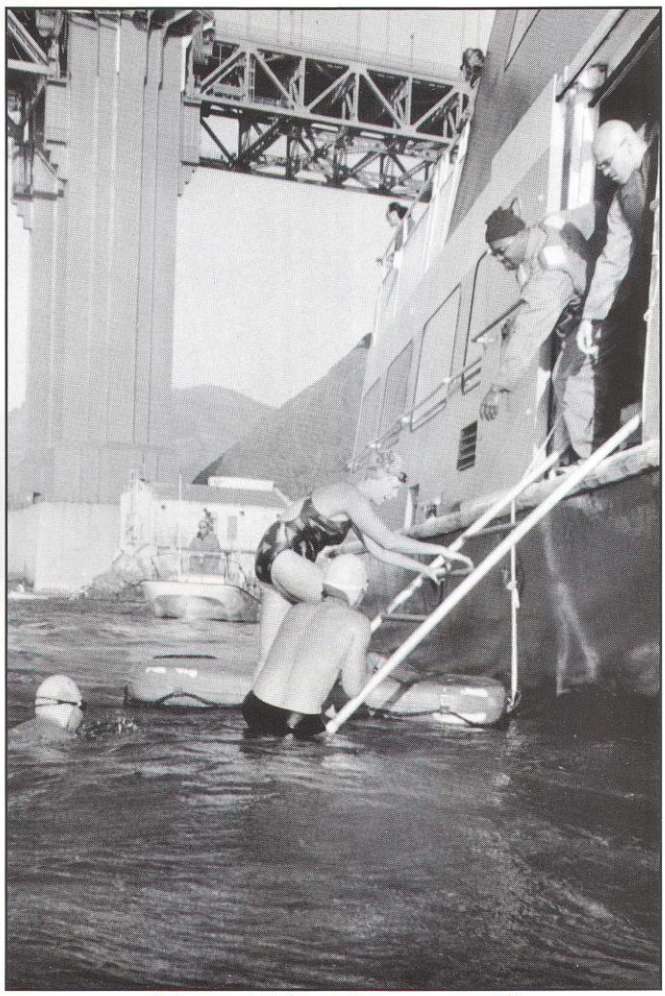
Always noteworthy are the special awards given every year at the Pilot and Swimmer's Appreciation Dinner to those volunteers who keep the swim program afloat, so to speak. The 1996 Pilot of the Year was Bob Danielson and when his name was announced, he looked dumbfounded. Seconds, like balloons, passed over his

head as he tried to comprehend what had taken place. The crowd's response, on the other hand, was immediate in its noisy and happy approval. Not only has Bob been one of the mainstays of our piloting force, but his knowledge of the waters makes him an invaluable asset in both regular and test swims. Unfortunately, the Helper of the Year, Pat McGarvey, was unable to attend. Pat has created a data base for the swim program that allows us to access important information quickly and easily and, as with last year, she printed out everyone's individual swimming record for 1996. These records have become a very popular feature of the swim program.

Walker and Becky Fenson successfully crossed the English Channel. Not only is the English Channel an extraordinary athletic feat, it is also an audacious act of human determination and will. Congratulations to both. Becky again dominated the swim season winning the Z-Man, Pier 41, Pier 39, Crazy Cove, Fort Point and logging in 132 miles to win the Polar Bear. And again, looking at the swim statistics, it's clear that the women have dominated with wins from Suzanne Heim, Laura Merkl, Diane Abele, Louise Bea, Pam Derks, and Laura Burtch. But let's not forget the stronger sex with big wins from John Selmer, Peter Drino, George Kebbe, and Glynn Jones. 1996 was also dominated by another presence, the reappearance of Lou Marcelli, moving through the waters like a shark. Lou Marcelli has become the new Dolphin Club Poster Boy for Health and we all salute you, Lou for winning the 1996 Most Inspirational Award. And finally, special kudos to Pam Stillwagon for winning Most Improved Swimmer. Pam and I were the same speed a year ago and now she challenges swimmers who used to come in fifteen places ahead of her. Like Larry Scroggins, Most Improved a few years ago, she learned to swim faster by reading a book. And maybe, some hard work.



Looking north underneath the span



"Blue and Gold mother recovers all"

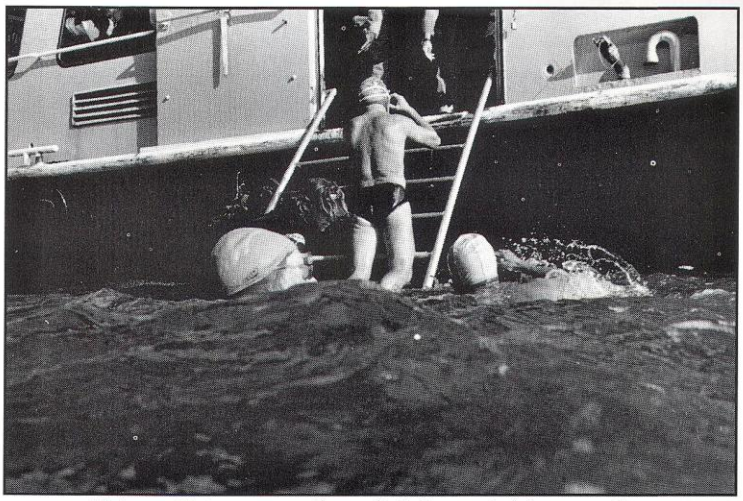
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Noteworthy too, were the swimming accomplishments in 1996. Within days of each other, two Dolphins, Steve

Looking ahead now to the 1997 Swim Season, I speak for all of us on the Swim Commission when I say, "Here is to a fun, challenging, and safe New Year."

Dolphin Swim Statistics

September 21 — November 28, 1996



Veteran Gate crossers show off their savoir faire ascending

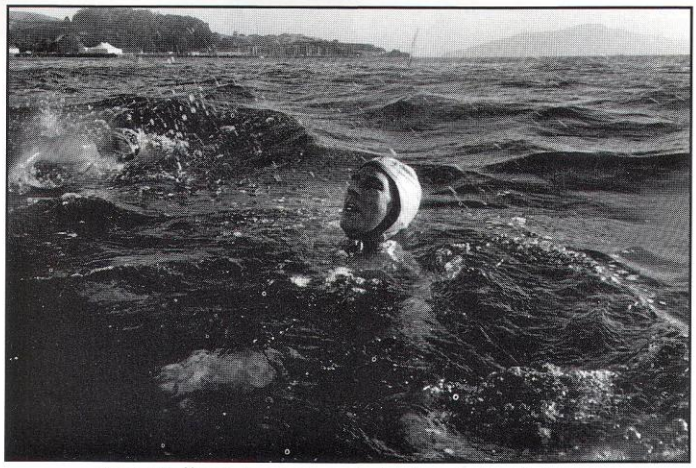
Joe Bruno Golden Gate Swim - *Fast*
September 21, 1997

1. John Selmer 20:32
2. Laura Burtch 20:53
3. Mike Garibaldi 21:01
4. Marla McGowan 24:05
5. Jon Nakamura 24:11
6. Alan Budenz 24:17
7. George Kebbe 24:31
8. Pam Derks 24:37
9. David Zovickian 24:47
10. Mick LaVelle 24:57
11. Chris Kelly 25:04
12. John Pelka 25:14
13. Bob Kaufman 25:25
14. Margaret Keenan 25:44
15. Phil Rollins 26:08
16. Tom Hofmann 26:20
17. Eric Liberty 26:30
18. Suzie Dods 26:34
19. Pat McGarvey 26:46
20. Conrad Von B. 26:59
21. Diane Sosnoski 27:13
22. Kelly Flynn 27:36
23. David Shutt 27:52
24. Larry Scroggins 28:17
25. Peter McLaughlin 28:47
26. Ed Urban 28:57
27. Paul Ambrose 29:13
28. Bob Fewster 29:31
29. Bob Blum 29:33
30. Megan Sullivan 29:38
31. Mark McKee 29:40
32. Joni Beemsterboer 29:41
33. Bonnie Winn 29:42
34. Krist Jake 29:45
35. Sunny McKee 29:50
36. Tom Kuglen 30:20
37. Janice Kelly 30:50
38. Dan Osborne 31:06
39. Conrad Liberty 31:49
40. Matt Sheridan 31:52
41. Pam Stillwagon 33:04
42. Mark Mullen 33:17
43. Eduardo Barranco 33:19
44. Tina Scott 33:22
45. Barry Christian 34:01
46. Flicka McGurrin 39:24

Helpers: Jackie Merovich, Jon Nakamura, Nick Blum, Mike DiNunzio, Lorna Newlin, Jenny Muth, Lindsay Casablanca, Lou Marcelli, Elmer Tosta, Marty Driscoll, Rudy DeMay, John Hornor, Tony DuComb, Mike Webb, Mimi Osborne, and James Mason.

Pilots: Susan Allen, Erik Von B., Celeste McMullen, Nancy Friedman, Mary Sancimino, Phil Fernandez, Susan Lauritzen, Colin Gift, Leslie Callan, Nancy Hornor, Don Harrison, Jennifer Lamiers, Bob Danielson, Joe Cowan, Jude Stalker, Tom Ferrero, and Tony DuComb, Barbara Byrnes, Rich Cooper, Chuck Vogt, Jim Fagan, Louise Bea, Jerry Cullen, Susanne Friedrich, Paolo Marchesa, Phil Kohlenberg, Boris Rosenberg, Ned Hoffman, Andy Camous, George Robin, Ken Frank, Al de la Pena, Kevin Hartnett, Patrick Freilinger, Ken Coren, and Gary Ersham. A special thanks to the test pilots: Tom Kuglen, Al de la Pena, Kelly Flynn, Bob Danielson, George Robin (for both days) David Zovickian (for both days and his expertise on currents and tides), and test swimmers: Liz Ann Schiff and Nancy Friedman

8. Gina Rus 27:36
9. Van Metaxas 27:54
10. Kevin Hartnett 28:24
11. Susan Anson 29:18
12. John Hornor 29:19
13. Kate Coleman 29:24
14. Ken Coren 31:24
15. Tony DuComb 31:49
16 Louise Bea 31:57
17. Jackie Merovich 32:31
18. Nancy Hornor 33:35
19. Roger Kleid 33:47
20. Jerry Cullen 34:27
21. Sandy Lemkuhl 34:41
22. Sue Garfield 34:53
23. Bob Derham 35:54
24. Joe Cowan 36:38
25. Leslie Callan 37:40
26. Neil Fishman 38:15
27. Dave Copeland 38:35
28. Signe Copeland 38:35
29. Lindsay Casablanca 39:12
30. Debby Rose 39:36



Tom Hoffman in a moment of exhausted well-being

Joe Bruno Golden Gate Swim - *Slow*
September 22, 1997

1. Cathy Huang 23:28
2. Eric Burke 24:45
3. Vince Huang 25:21
4. George Gara 25:29
5. Lorna Newlin 26:31
6. Pete Neubauer 26:49
7. Glynn Jones 27:26
31. Susan Lauritzen 40:15
32. Francesca Cervantes ... 41:14
33. Will Powning 41:28
34. Sid Hollister 41:40
35. Chuck Vogt 41:49
36. Rudy DeMay 42:56
37. Nick DeMay 43:04

5 DNF's

Helpers: Ann Sasaki, Meg Reilly, Leslie Calfllan, Pavla Podolska, Suzie Dods, Margaret Keenan,

Photographs by Susan Lauritzen

Candace Kelly, Krist Jake, Ned Hoffman, Mimi Osborne, Tony DuComb, Don Reid, Lou Marcelli, Tom Allen, and Neal Powers.

Pilots: Bob Fewster, Alan Budenz, John Pelka, Susan Anson, Tom Kuglen, Laura Burtch, John Selmer, Barry Christian, Ed Urban, Gabe Scurlock, Phil Rollins, Deanne Bianucci, Liz Stark, Jon Nakamura, Celeste McMullin, David Zovickian, Colin Gift, Larry Scroggins, Don Harrison, Chye Lim, Pam Stillwagon, Pat Howard North, Paul McHugh, George Kebbe, Rich Cooper, Dan Osborne, Andy Camous, Jim Fagan, Phil Kohlenberg, Todd Oppenheimer, Peter Brand, Jim Sancimino, Ken Frank, Kelly Flynn, Mike DiNunzio, Matt Sheridan, Jerome Steve Duffy, Al de la Pena, George Robin, Ruben Hechanova, and Neil Hartnett.

A Special Thanks to the Committee for Joe's Celebration: Sheryn Kent, Frances Bradford, Mary Lou Hirschfeld, Bob McKenzie, David Broadbear, Don Reid, and Walt Schneebeli.

Alcatraz
Oct. 6, 1996

1. Suzanne Heim 30:09
2. Laura Burtch 34:28
3. John Davies 37:24
4. Marla McGowan 37:53
5. Chris Kelly 38:16
6. Laura Merkl 38:40
7. Eric Larson 38:43
8. Pam Derks 38:50
9. George Kebbe 38:55
10. Cathy Huang 41:47
11. John Pelka 41:57
12. Pat McGarvey 41:58
13. Margaret Keenan 42:08
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1 DNF

Helpers: Jackie Merovich, Neal Powers, Nick Blum, Mimi Osborne, Janice Kelly, Noel Turner, Lorna Newlin, Pavla Podolska, Peggy LaVelle, Chuck Perkins, Tony DuComb, James Mason, Walt Schneebeli, and Sheryl Kent.

Pilots: John Selmer, Susan Allen, Era Osibe, Joni Beemsterboer, Celeste McMullin, Mag Donaldson, Susan Laruitzen, Monica Towers, Lindsay Casablanca, Bob Danielson, Phil Fernandez, Tony DuComb, Deanne Bianucci, Erik Von Blankenberg, Joe Schatz, Gabe Scurlock, Debbie Conti, John Davis, Neil Hartnett, Peter Butler, Dan Osborne, Barry Christian, Andy Camous, Jim Fagan, Phil Reiff, John Conti, Ken Frank, Phil Kohlenberg, David Zovickian, Al de la Pena, Mike DiNunzio, Barbara Keller, Gary Ehrsam, and John Davis. Test Pilots: David Zovickian, George Robin, Tom Kuglen and Test Swimmers: Mark O'Hara and Phil Fernandez.

Thanksgiving Day Cove
November 28, 1996

1. Laura Burtch 10:40
2. Heather Royer 10:41
3. John Selmer 11:02
4. George Kebbe 12:11
5. John Pelka 12:18
6. Ann Morey 12:39
7. Dave Rich 12:49
8. Margaret Keenan 12:58
9. Tom Hofmann 13:02
10. Joe Illick 13:28
11. Jennifer Lamers 14:51
12. David Zovickian 14:58
13. Joe Ferraro 15:04
14. Peggy LaVelle 15:04
15. Krist Jake 15:23
16. Pam Stillwagon 15:33
17. Tina Scott 15:37
18. Mark Mullen 15:49
19. Lee Hammack 15:50
20. Ken Coren 16:00
21. Suzie Dods (kicking) .. 16:29
22. Marsha Ghrimm 16:34
23. Trish Miller 16:46
24. Rey Hasson 16:47
25. Nancy Friedman 16:51
26. Anne Sasaki 16:52
27. John Dugan 16:52
28. Joe Cowan 16:52
29. Era Osibe 17:00
30. Leslie Callan 17:10
31. Jim Vanya 17:16
32. Gerald O'Dwyer 17:47
33. Mag Donaldson 18:25
34. Pete Bianucci 18:57
35. Greg LaRoche 19:11
36. Will Powning 19:50
37. Boris Rozenberg 20:04
38. Susan Lauritzen 20:22
39. Mary Lou Herschfeld . 20:36
40. Rudy DeMay 21:10
41. Don Reid 21:18
42. John Davis 21:25
43. Peter Butler 21:48
44. Carolyn Kaiser 21:50
45. Steve North 23:58
46. Fran Bradford 26:23
47. Bill Powning 27:22

Long Course

1. Bob Blum 30:39
2. Susan Cobb 30:40
3. Wendy Kress 30:42
4. Deanna Bianucci 30:42
5. Gina Rus 30:42

Helpers: Paul Cummings, Meg Reilly, Monica Towers, Becky Fenson, Nick Blum, Megan Sullivan, and David Broadbear

Pilots: Peter Drino, Jim Fagan, Colin Gift, and Susan Allen.

Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon
October 20, 1996
Relay Team Results

	Team	Club	Swim	Bike	Run	Total
1.	Becky Fenson	DC	29			
	Gabe Scurlock	DC		38	2:28	3:35
2.	Brent Pohlman	SE	44:38	53		
	Ben Wilson	SE			2:25	4:02
3.	Rachael Elgin	DC	38:40			
	Ian Glidden	DC			47	
	Rob Fallon				3:37	5:02
4.	Alan Budenz	DC	37:05			
	Tina Scott	DC		59		
	Alan/Tina	DC			3:57	5:23
5.	Mike Raifsmder	SE	46:23			
	George Roach			49	3:57	5:34
6.	Mike Lagios	SE	104:46	64		
	John Newlin	SE			3:32	6:20

HISTORY OF WOMEN

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Aquatic Park over to the National Park Service. However, with the fog of a lawsuit hanging over the foot of Hyde, the City maintained ownership of the clubs. Finally, the whole thing was decided by several bureaucratic bodies, including the SF Rec and Park Department and a Federal District Court. Burk Delventhal of the City Attorney's office took over the whole matter in 1976 and brought the case to the attention of the Rec and Park Department. Rec and Park had no desire to keep women out of the clubs—as it would violate human rights ordinances within the City. So the department went to the clubs threatening loss of lease if women were not admitted. The Dolphin and South End Clubs agreed to this decision, but the SFRC did not and was kicked out of its building. (This building was then ceded to the Dolphin Club and has a fascinating history itself.)

Even though the women who brought the suit against the Clubs have been vilified over the years, they put forth an heroic effort for women's sports in San Francisco. By 1976, approximately 50 women signed on as plaintiffs shouldering the legal fees through garage sales and personal contributions. Some of the original small group are still members of the clubs, but most of the earliest women members of the clubs have dropped out over time. The women who filed the lawsuit got what they wanted, however it took time to get the Club up to speed. The first six women members were ringers—swimmers of such high quality that they were used as an example to discourage other women from joining. The Club also claimed that they (the Club) had fulfilled its end of the agreement because all six of the women's lockers were full. It took several more months of wrangling, but finally in January 1977 membership opened up to women on the whole.

Then the Club was struck by the next messy legal action—what rights did the public have to use the facilities. Many of the women involved in the original lawsuit were against the opening up of the Club as a full-time general public facility, fearing the dangers that had befallen the Aquatic Park stands as well as the potential insurance nightmare. Nonetheless, the lawyer who had taken on the 1976 case went ahead with the action anyway. A confusing resolution was passed by the SF Rec and Park Department in 1978 opening the clubs to all that wish to use them for a "reasonable fee." Finally, it was ruled that the policy that stands today (invented by the Club itself) is full well and legal. Paying members of a private club have more rights to the club facilities than the general public.

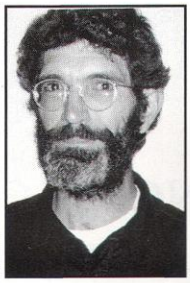
Enough with the legal stuff. What was it like for the first women who joined and how did the men handle the change? Some funny things happened. First off, according to Pete Bianucci, some of the wives of members made their husbands quit and suddenly "the guys had to put on clothes while walking around." And Dan Osbourne recalls that "as soon as women joined a whole bunch of young men joined." This infused new life into the club and membership shot up to 450 in 1978. The crippled boat fleet was beginning to be resuscitated and the skills of boat building and handling was being passed to a new generation. The women faced some open hostility but things calmed down after the first year. As Cindy Ehrlich, who joined in January 1977, put it the Club was full of "old Italian guys and young pushy women." A combination that led to some good natured sparring. The men who could not handle the fact that a woman had invaded their space quit, other men who never thought women should be members behaved very graciously, and the men who liked the idea of women joining embraced them fully (in more ways than one!).

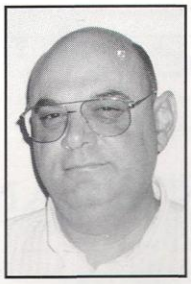
Some of the more humorous stories were results of part of the defense of the Dolphin Club in the lawsuit. The suit claimed that the physiological differences between men and women made women unsafe in the cold water. That quickly was put to rest. A new rumor that came to light, as the women started to swim better than the men, was that women have an extra layer of fat. The women replied that it really was an extra layer of feathers. "The guys who were not familiar with women's physiology actually believed this story," according to Cindy Ehrlich. Ehrlich was one of the women who was attached to the lawsuit, but not one of the originators. She was the first woman on the Board of Governors, as well as an editor of the *Dolphin Log*. Jackie Merovich, who joined in July 1977, was not familiar with the hubbub the lawsuit caused. She attended a party on a date with a member and was enchanted by the "the wine and crab and sun and sea." She didn't swim seriously, but joined anyway. She relates that "they (the men) were so welcoming, there didn't seem to be rancor about women." She has since become an accomplished swimmer and is now part of the Swim Commission.

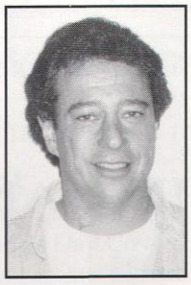
From these women who joined in the original years, the history of the physical space of the women's locker room has been documented. Originally, there were six lockers off the Staib room in a little locker room and the shower was where the toilets currently stand. A free-standing sauna was downstairs in the northwest corner of the boathouse and women had to roam around the club in bare feet and swimsuits to get warm. In 1979, the women's locker room got its first expansion and put in the sauna and showers as we know them today. This area used to be a mezzanine overlooking a handball court. Cindy Ehrlich still remembers which pieces of sheetrock she installed in the newly

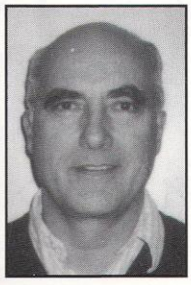
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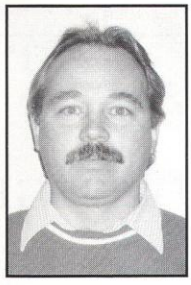

Louise Bea

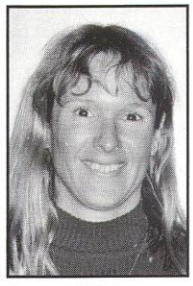

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Pete Bianucci


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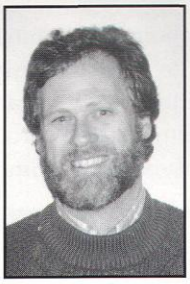

Phil Fernandez

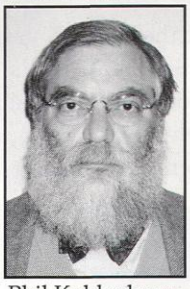

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Susan Heim


Deb Henning

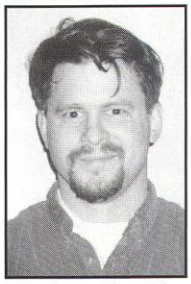

Pat Howard


Ken Frank


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Meg Reily


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Matthew Sheridan

History of Women

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created women's locker room. The second locker room expansion occurred in 1981-1982. Herman Zahler lovingly built the large lockers and Lou Marcelli painted them. 80 new lockers were added on both sides and the women moved in 1983.

Women now rank as the finest swimmers at the Club, producing Diana Abele, Suzanne Heim, Laura Burtch, and Becky Fenson, all of whom have accomplished the Mt. Everest of swimming, a solo crossing of the English Channel. Women have also dedicated a great deal of volunteer time from being on the Board of Governors to boat building to piloting swims.

As Lifetime member Bill Powning put it, the admission of women to the Club has given us "15 marriages, the food is better, the parties are better, and the women swim fantastic." The Dolphin club survived the strong flood of the 1970s through a great deal of soul searching, negotiating, and fundamental love that Dolphins, male and female, feel for their part of San Francisco history.

Jennifer Finlay is a freelance writer and has just finished her first Polar Bear ☠.

Dolphin News

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BCDC), and strengthened our Club's alliance with other users of the Bay. If you are interested in helping with any of these types of events, please contact the Boat House Captain.

—Barry Christian

Driveway Parking

The Dolphin Club is required by stipulation of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission to maintain the area west of the Club as open space—please do not park your car in this area, or park in the street blocking access to the driveway. You are subject to towing and some extremely expensive fines for blocking public spaces

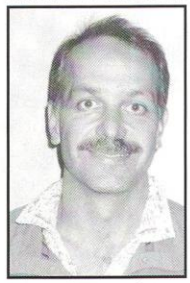
The Dolphin Club and Herb Caen

The February 1997 passing of San Francisco Columnist Herb Caen brings to mind that the writer used many anecdotes concerning the Dolphin Club in his column over the decades. In fact, the columnist had numerous friends and acquaintances here.

Interestingly, the Dolphin Club achieved somewhat of a San Francisco Literary First (or last) when it was the subject of Caen's last anecdote of his last column, published January 10, 1997. The note described a humorous incident, forwarded to him by Dolphin member Jennifer Finlay about Bláth Groonel, a Dolphin Member and a waitress at Michaelangelo's Restaurant who released a six inch anchovy from her bathing suit following a swim. "Does this answer any questions about the freshness of the fish at Michaelangelo's?" Bláth was quoted.

And so ends an era on a Dolphin Footnote.

—Ned Hoffman


David Zovickian

Contact The Board

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Feature

By Bill Pickelhaupt

Shanghaied in San Francisco

Most of us Dolphin Club members who come to the Club on even an irregular basis know some of the Club's colorful characters. Each of us has our favorites. But in an earlier day, Dolphins or their ancestors had more than a little color in their past.

Guido Ghiselli was a Dolphin Club member from 1909-1955, and worked in the produce business. I met the daughter of this old-timer recently at the Maritime Store. She asked me if her grandmother, Erichetta Ghiselli, (Henrietta in English) was in my book *Shanghaied in San Francisco*. It turns out that Grandmother Ghiselli, who ran a retail clothing establishment, was widowed in the late-1890s and had to support seven children. Grandmother sometimes shanghaied men to supplement her income. This may sound unlikely, but retail clothiers were the second leading shanghaiers of men for involuntary service as sailors, right after sailors' boardinghouse keepers and just before saloonkeepers. And she lived next to some of the most notorious shanghaiers in San Francisco—Dorothy Paupitz, who went through four husbands, "Frenchy" Franklin, Tommy Chandler and Thomas Murray, men and women who shanghaied sailors for at least 30 years each. The Kehrlein brothers, Valentine, Jr. and Emil, also early Club members, established the Twinkling Star Corporation along with three other men, to run various and nefarious ventures. Their prime enterprise at the turn-of-the-century was the Hotel Nymphia, in its day the largest brothel in San Francisco. The brothers wanted to name it the Hotel Nymphomania, but even San Francisco's lax Police Commission balked at the idea. After the Nymphia was closed, Emil went into partnership with Abe Ruef, then went back to the entertainment business when he opened a chain of movie theaters. Legend has it that he was the first person to accompany silent movies with music.



The son of a man who lived among the shanghaiers of Davis, Jackson and Front streets still survives today. Club member Paul Vlautin, whose photograph is on the south wall of the Staib Room, lives not far from the Club, and is 90 years old. Paul's father, also named Paul, and his father before him, ran Paul's Restaurant on Davis Street. In addition to providing meals, Paul's Restaurant advertised that it also boarded sailors upstairs. In 1936, Paul's father presented Tom Crowley, Sr. with the photograph of Billy and Harry's Saloon, shown above. This is a very interesting photograph, since it is the only known group picture of shanghaiers. Tim Hawkins, the Neagle brothers, "Go Slow" Albert and Jimmy Sinnott all worked for Tom Crowley, Sr. or were known well by Crowley. George Brown, second from the left, was a son of Norwegian Henry "Shanghai" Brown. George was a shanghaier for several years, then decided to become one of San Francisco's finest, a police officer. After a few years, Brown went back to his old profession of shanghaiing.

Peter Laflin shanghaied men for a living from the 1880s until WWI. Next door, at the South End Rowing Club, Alan Laflin swam many Golden Gate swims in the 1930s. His father, Peter Laflin, piloted him on his crossings.

These are just a few of the storied pasts of Club members. No doubt histories are being made as these words are written; the only question is what light they will be recounted in.

1997 Swim Schedule

Schedule Subject to Changes

Date	Event	Jump-Off
Dec. 21, 1996 - *Saturday*	*Polar Bear Swim Starts*	
January 1 - *Wednesday*	New Year's Day Cove	0845
January 1 - *Wednesday*	New Year's Day Alcatraz	1100
January 26 - *Sunday*	**Z - Man** Mid - Winter Cove	0900
February 8 - *Saturday*	☸ Mid-Winter Gas House Cove	0830
March 21 - *Friday*	*Polar Bear Swim Ends*	
March 23 - *Sunday*	☸ Spring Cove	0900
April 13 - *Sunday*	☸ Pier 41	0815
May 3 - *Saturday*	☸ **Dick Beeler** Crazy Cove	0900
May 18 - *Sunday*	☸ **Doc Howard** - Over 45 - Gas House Cove	0800
June 1 - *Sunday*	*100 Mile Swim Starts*	
June 7 - *Saturday*	☸ Yacht Harbor	TBA
June 20 - *Friday*	☸ Twilight Cove - **Pot Luck & BBQ**	1800
July 5 - *Saturday*	☸ Crissy Field	0930
July 19 - *Saturday*	☸ Trans Tahoe Relay	TBA
July 26 - *Saturday*	☸ Pier 39	0830
August 2 - *Saturday*	☸ Santa Cruz Pier Swim	1100
August 10 - *Sunday*	☸ Over Sixty Cove - *Swim fees not neccessary*	0900
August 17 - *Sunday*	☸ Fort Point	0745
August 22 - *Friday*	☸ Twilight Gas House Cove - **Pot Luck & BBQ**	1800
September 12 - *Friday*	☸ Twilight Pier 41 - **Pot Luck & BBQ**	1800
September 21 - *Sunday*	Alcatraz	0915
October 5 - *Sunday.*	Handicap Cove	0900
October 11 - *Saturday*	**Joe Bruno** Golden Gate I - Fast Day	0900
October 12 - *Sunday*	**Joe Bruno** Golden Gate II - Slow Day	0930
October 26 - *Sunday*	Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon	0830
October 31 - *Thursday*	*100 Mile Swim Ends*	
November 8 - *Saturday*	Annual Swim/Pilot Appreciation Dinner	TBA
November 15 - Saturday	Dolphin/South End Triathlon	TBA
November 16 - *Sunday*	Introduction To Bay Swimming	TBA
November 27 - *Thursday*	Thanksgiving Day Cove	0900
December 14 - *Sunday*	New Year's Day Alcatraz Qualifier	0900
December 21 - *Saturday*	*Polar Bear Swim Starts*	

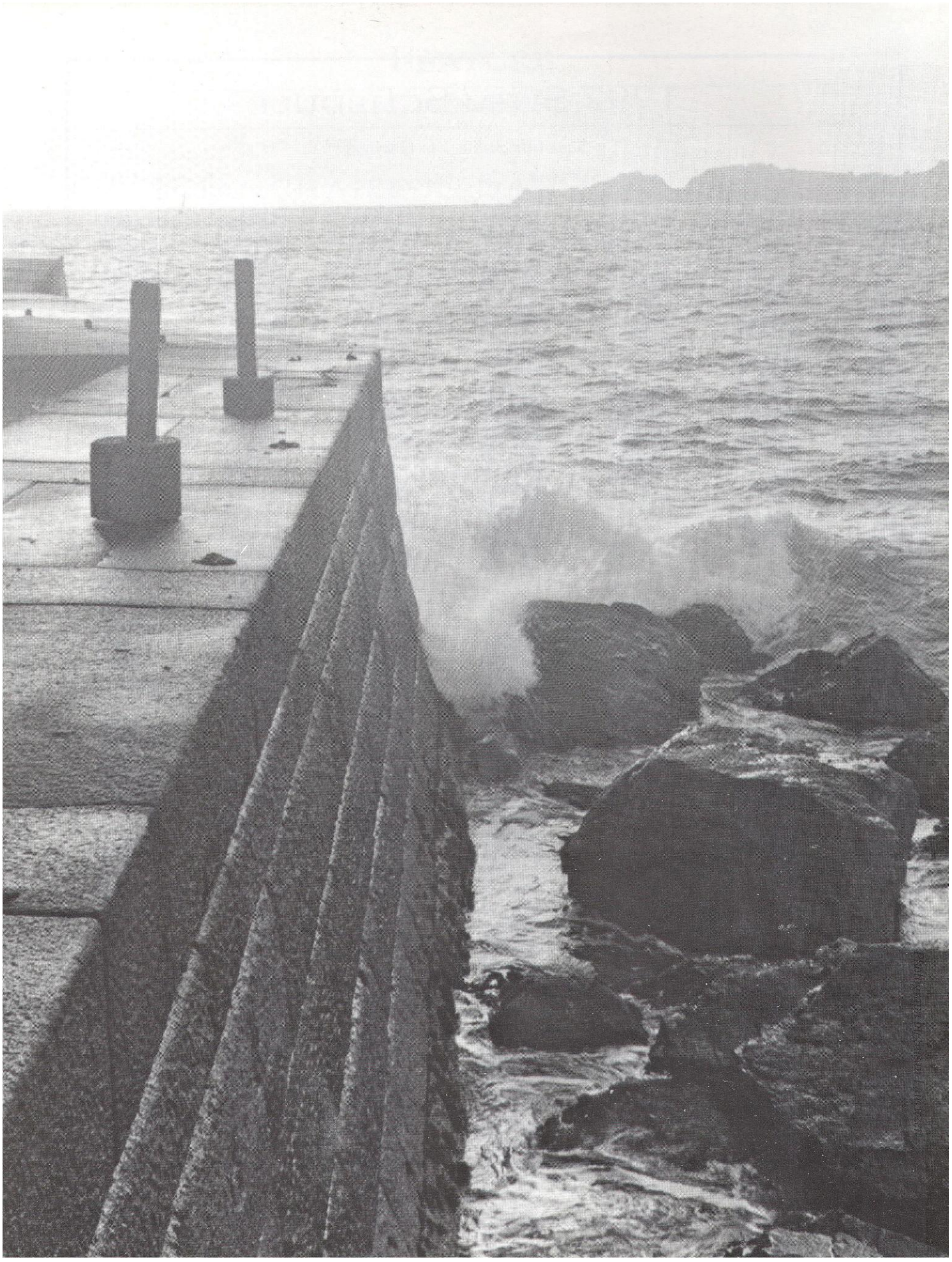
• Swim Program Rules •

1. Club scheduled swims are restricted to club members only.
2. Swimmers are required to wear fluorescent orange caps on all scheduled swims.
3. Swimmers must be members in good standing with dues current and swim fees paid.
4. New members are not eligible to swim in scheduled swims for 6 months from their membership start.
5. Out-of-cove swims are limited to 60 swimmers and may be further limited by the Swim Commission.
6. Alcatraz and Golden Gate swims are limited to 75 swimmers; Alcatraz swimmers are chosen by lottery.
7. Swim sign-up sheets are posted two weeks prior to each swim.
8. Time limits are imposed and enforced for all swims.
9. All club boats are reserved for scheduled swims; riders are prohibited.

• Additional qualifications for Alcatraz and Golden Gate Swims •

10. In-town members must successfully complete 2 swims marked with a wheel (☸) and one other scheduled swim and pilot or help on at least 2 others.
11. Out-of-town members (those residing 100+ miles from the club) must have successfully completed 2 of the last 3 club scheduled Alcatraz and/or Golden Gate swims or meet rule 10 above.
12. Once a member has qualified for Alcatraz/Golden gate swims, non-qualified members will be given priority to qualifying swims.

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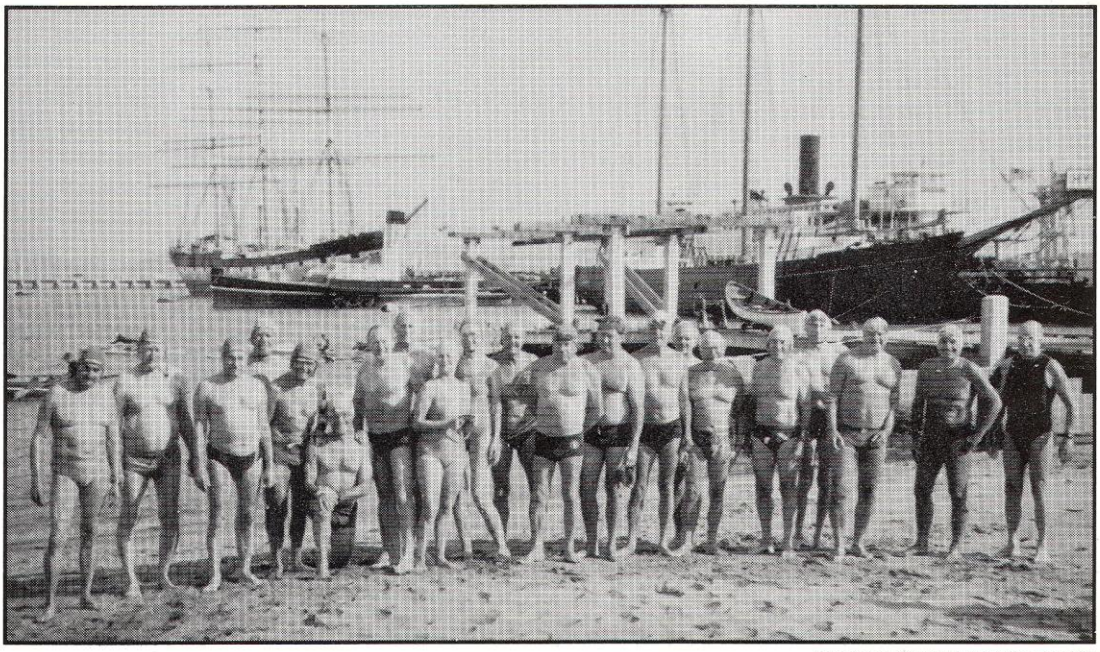


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In Honor Of

Abbott, Joseph 1967
Alexander, Elwayne 1947
Alstott, Murray 1970
Anderson, Virgil 1930
Baggiani, Don 1935
Baptiste, Will 1969
Beale, Pax 1971
Bettencourt, Jack 1970
Bianucci, Peter 1962
Blackburn, Frank 1959
Bruno, Joseph 1933
Camous, Andre 1932
Cannizzaro, Dominic 1957
Cannizzaro, Salvatore 1955
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Capriotti, Rudolph 1952
Cervarich, Robert 1958
Clancy, Patrick 1963
Connelly, Theodore 1960
Cook, Lewis Jr. 1962
Corda, Carlo 1962
Cordellos, Harry 1970
Cullen, Gerald 1964
Cuneo, Aldo 1954
Curtis, Edward 1954
Davis, John 1965
De Cossio, Edward 1957
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De May, Rudolph 1959
Demo, Robert 1954
Duignan, John 1951
Dupuis, Clement 1935
Fossat, Richard 1961
Gaal, Kenneth 1956
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Gaal, Roger 1953
Gaal, Stephen 1956
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Garibaldi, Michael 1972
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Gelardi, Gus 1936
Gelardi, Pasquale 1945
Giacomini, Joseph 1970
Gilbert, Brian 1968
Gould, Thomas 1956
Harlan, Howard 1969
Hathaway, Pierre 1962
Herms, Frederick 1938
Hinton, David 1957
Hlynsky, Stanley 1970
Hoff, Robert 1960
Hooper, Roy 1951
Hubacher, Elmer 1946
Joseph, Benjamin 1961
Katurich, Robert 1961
Kelly, Patrick 1961
Kiernan, Donald 1967
Korelec, Charles 1954
La Rocca, Leo 1938
La Rocca, Vince 1955
Landucci, Dino Jr. 1948
Lanzone, Modesto 1972
Liberty, Conrad 1965
Liva, Al 1940
Luyken, Edgar 1960
Marcelli, Louis 1965
Melee, Paul 1954
Mennucci, Frank 1941
Morino, James 1949
Murray, Gerald 1925
Nielsen, Robert 1947
O'Brien, William 1954
Orlando, Joe 1951
Osborne, Daniel 1961
Passanisi, Rico 1954
Passantino, Ignatius 1950
Pastene, Ray 1967
Pera, Leonard 1971
Pfirter, William 1958
Pinetti, Stephen 1972
Piombi, Renato 1964
Powning, William 1968
Raymond, Ray 1952
Robb, Thomas Jr. 1965
Rourke, Philip 1962
Sargis, John 1944
Scafani, Michael 1938
Schenone, Richard 1972
Schinkel, Raymond 1928
Schneebeli, William 1948
Scrivant, Lino 1959
Silvester, Paul 1930
Stagliano, Anthony 1968
Stewart, Zach 1961
Sturiale, Peter 1940
Sturiale, Phillip 1972
Tede, Dieter 1972
Thurman, Walter Jr. 1968
Van Alstyne, Byron 1960
Vanya, James 1957
Walden, William 1963
Warto, Donald 1961
White, Thomas 1956
Wildberger, Charles 1965
Zoller, Nick 1971

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RESTORATION LAUNCHING
27 JULY 1997
OF

JOHN WIELAND

FORTY FOOT
ONE HUNDRED TEN YEAR OLD PLEASURE BARGE
LAUNCHED 1887

John Wieland, a gold miner, baker and beer baron, was a charter member of the Dolphin Club. When he died in 1885, his family commissioned the construction of a magnificent new boat for the Club as a tribute in his memory. This boat, named for Wieland himself, was launched in 1887. It has served as the flagship of the Club's rowing fleet ever since.

Not being quite a ship of the line of the Navy, the ***John Wieland*** has come to us with little history recorded about her voyages in the century since her original launching. Old timers recall that one time she nearly sank off Alcatraz with a cargo of horse manure, that she transported Club members to Candlestick for the ball games, that she regularly served as a team bus for softball competitions on Angel Island, and that she frequently contributed to the public safety by keeping Club members off the state highways on return trips from Sam's in Tiburon and other bayside watering holes.

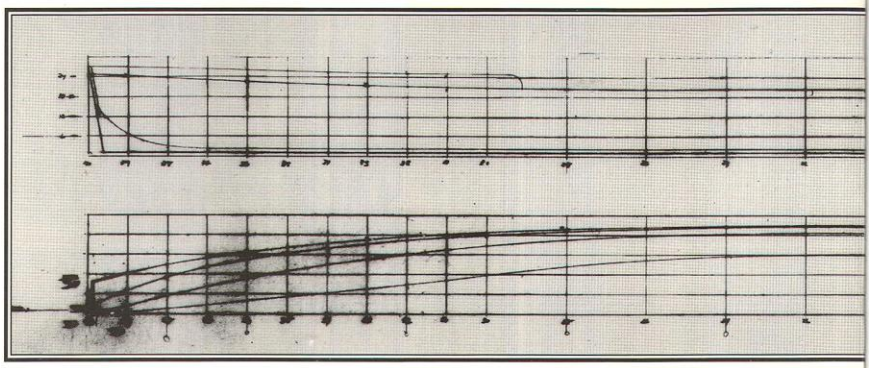
Perhaps the details of this hard usage were better left unrecorded. However, by the late 1980's, the ***Wieland*** was showing desperate signs of age and wear. She leaked. Blows to the side had stove in and cracked her sheer strake. Short term repairs had caused stress to the planking at the turn of the bilge and had fractured it. In order to permit a new keelson to be installed in a repair job done in the 1970's, every frame had been cut at the centerline, destroying the frames' main job of tying one side of the boat to the other. The oarlock mounts had worked loose. While her copper rivets had survived, her numerous steel, bronze and brass fastenings had largely disintegrated. In short, the old ***Wieland*** was very tired after a century.



Early in the restoration process in the spring of 1994, most of the original planks and ribs are still in place, and the molds are in position. The lofting of the vessel can be seen on the shop wall behind the volunteers.

To remedy this condition, the Dolphin Club Board of Governors approved rebuilding the ***Wieland***. After a last row around Alameda, the place of her construction in 1887, the ***Wieland*** was decommissioned in December 1991 and placed in the Dolphin Club boatshop.

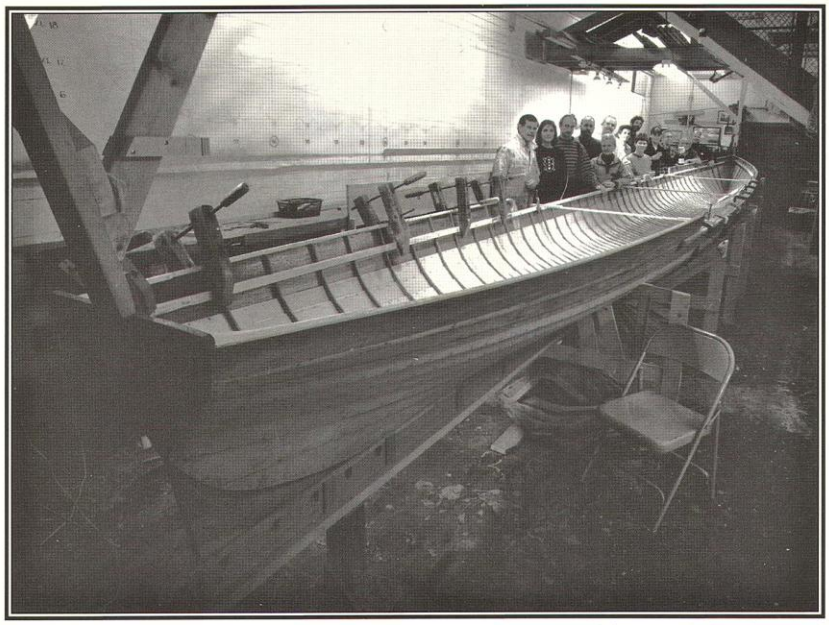
With help from Tuesday "boat night" volunteers, boatbuilder Jon Bielinski took off the ***Wieland's*** measurements and lofted her lines. With this information, he constructed molds to



A portion of the lines drawing of the **John Wieland** *as drawn by Dolphin Clu*
sions of the vessel are as follows: length, 40'; beam, 54"; length of sweep oa

define her shape upon reconstruction. Once these molds were placed into the vessel as a final check upon her shape, her bottom and keel structure were cut out with a Sawzall. With the bottom out of the old boat, Bielinski laid a new and lighter keel, stem, sternpost and deadwood.

With the help from the volunteers, Bielinski milled the 3/8th inch garboard planks and the six 5/16th inch upper planks out of straight grained Port Orford cedar. Each strake was flat scarfed in two places to complete the forty foot run of the boat's length. The strakes were lapped with adjoining planks and rabbeted towards the bow and stern.



By late 1996, all the new planking and ribs were in place, and the form of the boat was fully defined. The molds had been removed. The fabrication and installation of inboard fittings was about to begin.

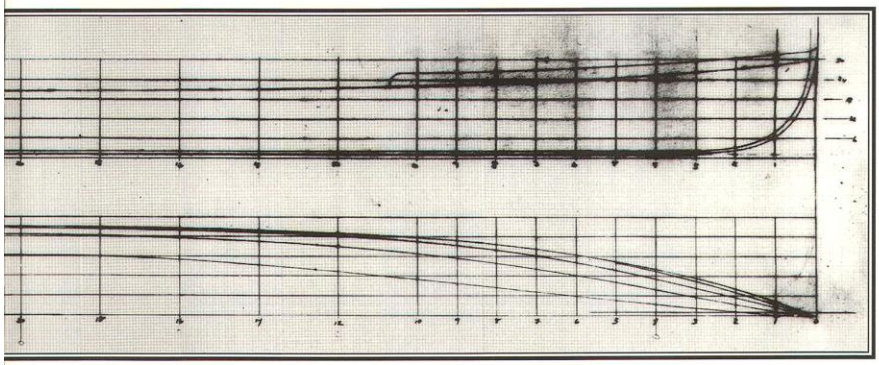
On a single night in June 1996, forty-five volunteers steamed, bent and fastened sixty frames into the ***Wieland***. Teams of volunteers drove over a thousand copper nails through the planking and frames and peened them over roves.

Bielinski and the volunteers installed longitudinal stringers, thwarts and fore and stern sheets of Douglas Fir, rub rails of oak, and grown knees of applewood. With guidance from the design of the traditional eight-oared shells, volunteers engineered the layout of the rowing positions. Oarlocks were acquired from George Pocock in Seattle.

Nine coats of varnish protect the inside of the planking, six coats shield the frames and interior fittings, and six coats again seal the outside hull.

The most significant design change from the boat as decommissioned is in the keel structure. The heavy log keel installed in the 1970's as a repair was replaced by a "T" structure composed of a 1" by 1-1/4" oak keel topped with a 1/2" oak hog piece slightly over two inches wide. This single change saved approximately three hundred pounds in weight over the old log keel. It stiffens the boat to resist bending in her length but allows the boat to twist to soften the stress of the waves.

With a crew of six on the oars and a helmsman, the ***Wieland*** should cruise at six knots. With two crews aboard trading rowing watches, she will travel San Francisco Bay waters to Sacramento and further and back. *—John Kortum*



volunteers. These lines were used to build a half hull model. Principal dimen-s, 13'; rowing stations, 6.

SUSTAINING PARTICIPANTS OF BOAT NIGHT

The following individuals consistently provided many volunteer hours, typically on Tuesday "Boat Nights" in the Club's boat shop, performing all sorts of woodworking, finishing, metalworking, etc. on the *John Wieland*.

Lee Caldwell	Ken Frank	Deb Henning	John Muir	Marti Spiegelman
John Conti	Susanne Friedrich	Brian Huse	Todd Oppenheimer	Nick Strelchuck
Bob David	Pat Frielinger	John Kortum	Phil Reiff	John Tansley
Padraic Doyle	Paul Gisler	Lou Marcelli	Gabe Scurlock	

PARTICIPANTS

The following individuals contributed various amounts of their time and services to the restoration of the *Wieland*.

Lynn Alcorn	Deb Conti	Mike Heafe	Mike Lord	Bill Rus
Bob Allen	Ken Coren	Reuben Hechanova	Harry Louie	Mary Sancimino
Virgil Anderson	Steve Counselman	Deb Henning	Jim Mason	Phil Sancimino
Robert Baldwin	Boomer Counselman	Bill Hesley	Lou Marcelli	Anne Sasaki
Tim Ballard	Joe Cowan	Steve Hiatt	Peter Marchant	Steve Schidler
Louise Bea	Cornelius Crenshaw	Stan Hlynsky	Paolo Marchesi	Walt Schneebeli
Nick Bea	Ed Curtis	Bob Hoff	Brian Marin	Lino Scrivant
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Riki Brooke	Bill Doll	Louis Jaffe	Janice Nelson	John Suerth
Christopher Cadelago Jr.	Mark Dolphin	Cliff Jennings	Rosalee Nichols	Jack Sullivan
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Mike Cahill	Dave Duncan	Janfried Johnson	Todd Oppenheimer	Craig Telles
Lee Caldwell	Pete Evans	Jack Kamesar	Stephanie Osiah	Noreen Tierney
Bill Callihan	Jim Fagan	Rachel Kaufman	Dan Osborne	Charlie Tobias
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Matt Chen	Pat Freilinger	John Kortum	Kelly Ray	Tom Whelen
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Jon Bielinski

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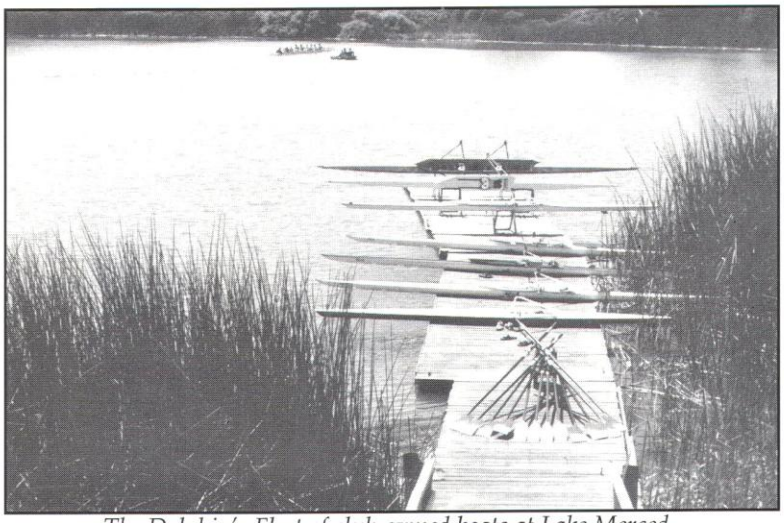
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News and Notes for the Dolphin Club Membership



The Dolphin's Fleet of club-owned boats at Lake Merced. John Pescatore, Steve Galdstone, and the S.I. Men's V8 in background

El Nino Hits Aquatic Park

With water temperatures hitting 67° this summer, many Dolphins were amazed by the effects of El Nino on the Bay. Old-timers like Lou Marcelli reported, "it's the warmest it's ever been." Rumor has it that some Dolphins, prompted by the warm tides, may even attempt to break the Polar Bear record of 255 miles this winter held by George "*Please Stop Me*" Kebbe.

Volunteers Needed

You may have noticed a lot of "action" in and around Aquatic Park these days. What you may or may not know is that there are at least four different government agencies with jurisdiction of Aquatic Park: Port of San Francisco, S. F. Maritime National Historical Park, Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the City and County San Francisco (Recreation and Park, Parking and Traffic, Department Public Works, Film Commission, etc.).

In order to keep on top of government plans for Aquatic Park, the club has an ongoing "Government Committee." The Government Committee needs the help of volunteers with flexible schedules who can attend meetings and report back (no public speaking), pick up and deliver documents to various offices around the city on short notice, etc. If you can help, leave your name, phone and fax numbers in Meg Reilly's mail box in the little Staib room.

Lake Merced

Do you want to try to win a place on the National Team? We can help.

The Dolphin Club has equipment to accommodate you at all levels of sculling from beginner through elite. Take advantage of your facility and your equipment on the calm, fresh water of Lake Merced. You can drop by early Saturday or Sunday morning and take a chance you'll find somebody who will show you around, or you can make an appointment by calling Gary Ehrsam at 415-642-0962

Rowing Training

The remianing dates for rowing training are November 22 and 23, December 20 and 21. Interested members should sign-up prior to the session. Check it out!

Dolphin Wins Nobel Prize

Congratulations to Dolphin Member Dr. Stanley B. Prusiner, who was recently awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine. His discovery of a new class of proteins called prions have been linked to mad cow disease and possibly Alzheimers. A neurologist at UCSF, he has been an active rower at Lake Merced for many years.

Call For Governors and Officers

Nominations are now open for the Dolphin Club's 1998 Board of Governors. The following positions will be open: Officers—President, Boat House Captain, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer; Governors: nine Governors positions.

Requirements

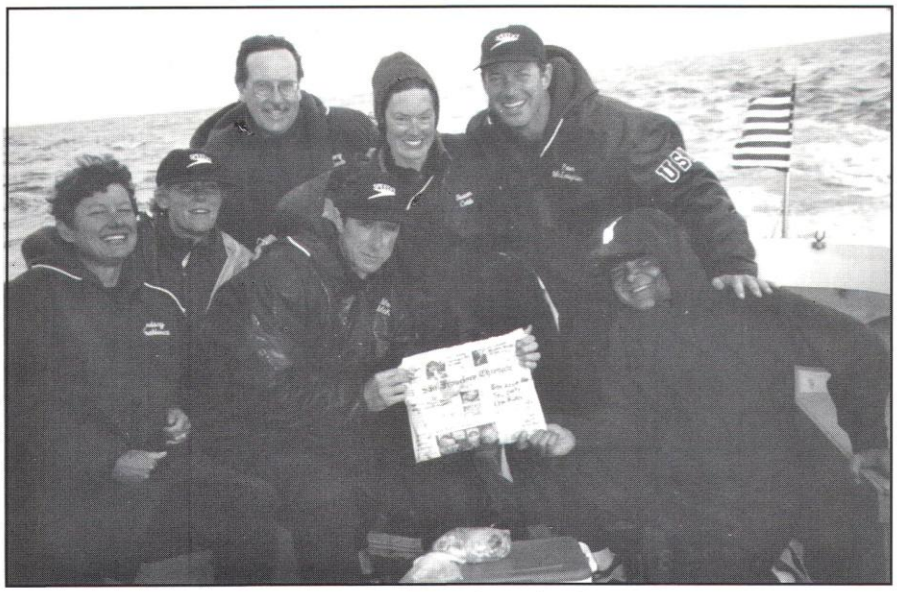
- You must be a member of the Dolphin Club for one year or more.
- No one may run for more than one office.
- Each candidate shall appear at the November meeting of the Board of Governors to confirm your candidacy. The Board of Governors may, on good cause shown, waive the requirement that a candidate personally appear at the November meeting.
- Nomination Petitions must be submitted to Dolphin Recording Secretary Jon Beilinski on or before the November Board Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 1997, at 7 p.m. in the Staib Room.
- Candidates must be nominated by

five (5) members in good standing.

- For a job description, contact a current or former officer or governor.
- Nomination petitions will be available at the Club.

Dolphin Team Conquers The English Channel

Congratulations to the team of Dolphins who successfully swam across the English Channel this summer. Despite heavy lightning and thunder, the six-person relay team finished the crossing from Dover to Cape Gris-Nez in 12 hours and 31 minutes. The team was comprised of Susan Cobb, Tony DuComb, Peter McLaughlin, Mark and Sunny McKee, and Larry Scroggins with Lindsay Casablanca serving as the unneeded alternate. Super tankers seemed to outnumber the jellyfish on this crossing; they were the only real impediment. Bravo!



The Dolphin Club's 1997 Channel Relay Team

Contact The Board

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Public Relations and the Club

- A small film production company asks to borrow one of the Club's wooden boats for a shoot at Lake Merced.
- A casting agent invites Dolphin Club members to audition for a commercial.
- A cable TV station requests an interview with a Dolphin Club member about his participation in triathlons.

In each case, who deals with the outside interests? What is an appropriate response?

The Public/Media Relations Committee was created in 1995 for just this purpose: to act as gatekeeper and liaison between the Club and representatives of the news media, commercial interests (film companies, ad agencies), and the public at large.

Our first task was to create a policy:

- To encourage appropriate public access to, and understanding of, the Club.
- To generally discourage commercial use of the Club by film companies, ad agencies, photographers, and others. The more disruptive of normal Club activities the use is, the more it will be discouraged. In particular, the use of Club property such as wooden boats, and the unauthorized use of Club logo and facility, are to be strongly discouraged.
- To facilitate opportunities for interested Club members to grant interviews to news media or participate in commercial ventures that promote positive views of the Club and its activities. Requests for such interactions are handled on a case-by-case basis.

In addition, the PR/Media committee has helped draft and launch the Dolphin Club Fund, a charity administered through the San Francisco Foundation that encourages city kids to learn to swim. (See related article in this issue.)

We also drafted a public-information brochure now available at the day-use sign-in station.

Please direct any questions from Club members and media or commercial organizations regarding publicity and Club use to the PR Committee.

P.S. Those three situations described at the top of the story were real ones. Our responses: (1) No way (2) OK (3) Sure.

—Nancy Friedman

From the Editors

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of the *Dolphin Log* is December 1, 1997. Feel free to contribute a story, ideas, photos, drawings, sketches, cartoons or archives that you think would be of interest to Dolphins. Leave your material in our box in the Staib Room, mail it to the Dolphin Club care of the editors, or approach us in person.

Yoga at the Dolphin Club

For those of you who don't already know, the Club has ongoing "Hatha yoga classes" taught by Annette Murphy, resident yoga teacher and Dolphin member.

Hatha yoga involves the practice of yoga poses with an awareness on breath and deep relaxation. The practice of yoga creates a healthy, strong and flexible body, while developing a calmer, more confident state of mind.

Annette teaches in the tradition of B. K. S. Iyengor, a style of yoga that strongly emphasizes precision of body alignment in the poses and works powerfully to help prevent overstrain and injury. Through the use of specific props, the poses can assist in therapeutic rehabilitation of existing problems. The classes regularly include poses that compliment a swimming and rowing regime.

Annette has fifteen years experience as a yoga practitioner and is certified to teach by the National Iyengor Association. She has even studied directly under B. K. S. Iyengor in India. Her unique teaching style is challenging and fun. Classes are held in the handball court and beginners are always welcome. Please be on time with bare feet and an empty stomach.

Fall teaching schedule:

Wednesday 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. & 8:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Fridays 7:00 a.m.
Cost: $9, drop in or $8 in a series

November is open house month. Come take your first class—stretch and relax—***absolutely free***!

In the works for late fall: an introductory course specifically geared for the "old goats " and friends. Watch for details on the Club's bulletin board.



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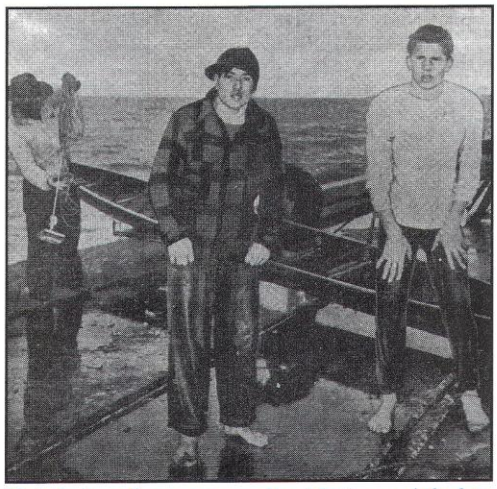
Old Timer Profile

By Gary Ehrsam

Dolphin Oarsman Jim Morino

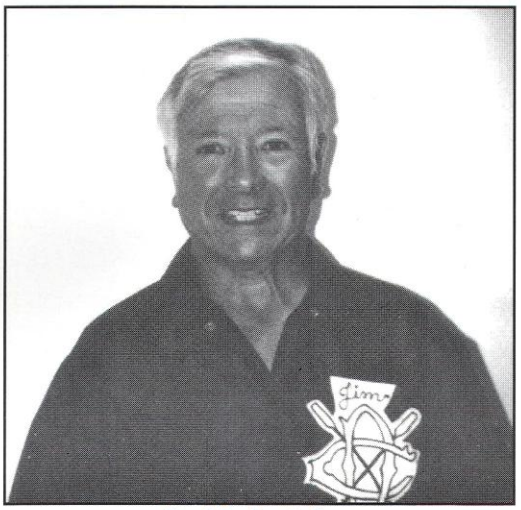
What a time it must have been, when the whole town watched the rivalries between the swimming and boating clubs and races were media events. Veteran Dolphin rower Jim Morino saw the best of this era and wore the Dolphin banner in 62 races, with 28 wins and 24 races second or third place. Morino's memories of his distinguished run also recall a sustained time of post-WWII Club racing glory all along the California coast.

"I was a new member of the Dolphin Club back when racing boats were made of wood. Lawton Hughes, the esteemed rowing coach asked me if I'd like to learn to row. The year was 1949, and Lawton was to teach me to row and train me for my first big race in the leisurely time of five days, in the evenings after school. He had us work out in a training tank with oars that had holes in the blades. The tank was just about where the sun deck is now. It's probably still there under the sand. Our training craft was a four-oared barge. Our course was the cove. Low tide meant a beach launch, because the dock was too short to reach the low water then. Sometimes we were wetter from launching the boat than from rowing it. The first skill I learned from Lawton was bailing.



Guts before glory: a young Jim Morino and the late Dino Landucci Jr. with the fisherman who had just gaffed their double and pulled it out of the bay.

"My main fear was that as a beginner I would 'catch a crab' (a sweep misplaced in the water) and throw the crew out of cadence. Lawton would shout instructions from the dock to me, Len and Lennie Gelardi, Bob Nielson and my brother, Ray, who was the coxswain.



Jim Morino today

"I was to have the chance to practice all my highly developed rowing skills that next weekend at a mile and a half race at Stockton in a wooden racing shell, a boat I had never seen before. These skills could best be described as awkward. Our competition was not a lightweight crew, but the big guys from the South End.

"Surprisingly, we got off to a good start, but so did they. Halfway up the course we began to pull away. My arms and legs felt like lead. I kept asking the cox how much more we had to row. In his spirit of brotherly love, Ray yelled 'keep rowing.' We won the race, we beat the South End, and I was hooked on rowing.

"Four months later, at the Pacific Coast Championships, we again faced the South End and the best in the west. By then I could recognize a shell. Our lightweight crew had a 145-pound limit. When I began rowing, I weighed 165 pounds. With the encouragement of my brother, who locked up our family refrigerator, by the time of the Championships I weighed 141. We won that one too. We brought home that trophy and in the next four years, four more to the Dolphin club. Bob Nielson and I are the only Dolphins still alive from that crew."

Jim recounts that most of the wooden racing boats were kept in training quarters near Pier 50. They would row on Islas Creek when it was rough on the bay, which was almost every day because "most people worked and couldn't get there in the mornings so we had to work out in the afternoons. Sometimes we would go under the Third Street Bridge, near where the house boats are now. When it was

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JIM MORINO

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high tide, we had to lay on our backs to get under the bridge with cars zooming overhead and all kinds of crap falling in our faces."

The Dolphin's four-man racing shell was the *Tom Harris*. "It was 40 years old then! We were always at a disadvantage. San Diego always had Pococks, which were all like Cadillacs. One year we rowed at Mission Bay, borrowed one of their Pococks, and really beat them bad—just walked away from them. They were great hosts and gave a great dinner.

"I remember a funny story from that regatta. Bob Nielsen had gone down to race in the singles division. We worked out in the morning and again at 3:00 in the afternoon then we were all to go to Tijuana for dinner. We waited and waited for Bob to show up and Lawton was getting really pissed off, so we left without him. Bob had made a date with a lady who had been swimming in the bay, never made it to the dinner, and the next day he was badly beaten by Kearny Johnston."

Jim explained that some of the sculling boats were hung from the ceiling of the main boat house. They were called "work skiffs." One lap strake skiff was the #9 and one smooth sided skiff was the *Herb Durham*. They were all singles and one ventured outside of the cove with these small craft at considerable peril. Often it was no problem to get from the cove to China Basin, but it was not unusual for conditions to be very choppy by the Club. More than once, swamped Dolphin shells were fished out of the bay along with their drenched crews.

It wasn't all grueling workouts and trips all over the coast to compete in those days. One of the pleasure rows for Dolphin oarsfolk was going to ball games at Candlestick. Even then, parking was a problem, and being true to the creed, they solved the problem by rowing there. George DeGear remembered a trip he made in the *Wieland*. "It got choppy sometimes. I rode down there in the bow and got soaking wet. I was sopping when I got there. After the game everybody piled in haphazardly, we never got the boat balanced right and for me the return trip was even worse."

After the demise of the PAAO (Pacific Association of Amateur Oarsmen), Jim continued to race in the open water rowing events around California, including the incredible 32-mile open ocean race from Catalina Island to Marina del Rey. One of Jim's favorite races is the South End Club's Bridge to Bridge Regatta, held near the end of September. "Everyone lines up at the opening, then heads for the South Tower of the Gate, turns around the tower and then heads for the designated tower of the Bay Bridge, then back to the opening. Conditions are so different along the course you have to have a rec boat. A Maas 24 is the most beautiful boat. In a shell you spend the whole time just trying to survive—it's like trying to row a submarine."



Dolphins embarcking on a three hour cruise (one way) to Candlestick Park. From bow: Bill Waldon, Cecco Manucci, Wally Smith, Jim Morino, Walt Shield, Howard Hall, Dino Landucci Jr., Dino Lanucci III, Dan Osborn, Bob Caturich, and Lawton Hughes

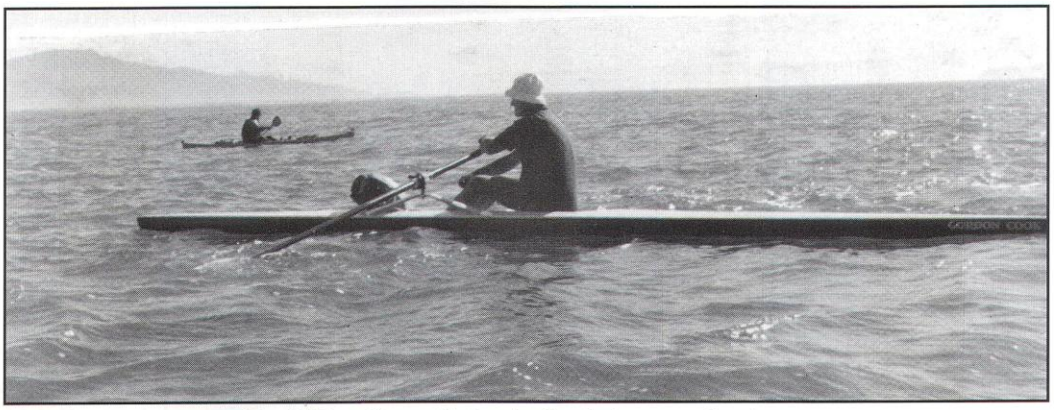
Jim recalls that just ten years ago there was more interest in competitive sculling at the club. "In the mid 80's we had three doubles in the North Lake Tahoe Regatta. There were 30-35 boats in the regatta and Dolphins swept it. Ray and Didi Mey won first, Steve Wolff and his partner Ghidi won second, and Ron Tiaus and I took third. It was a good day for the Dolphins."

Shoulder and tendon problems are limiting Jim's current workouts to the rowing machine, but he's coming back. Recalling his brother's passionate advice during that first race almost 50 years ago, Jim says, "I still hear you Ray, and no matter what hurts I still try to 'keep rowing.' "

President's Report

By David Zovickian

DC Update



David Broadbear piloting in the sleek seaworthy Aero

Photograph by Bob David

The summer solstice has come and gone, supplying long sunny (outside the City, anyway) days for packing in the squares on the 100-mile swim chart. Then again, with the warm weather and downright balmy water comes the summer event season and the associated flocks of neoprene-clad creatures venturing into the "frigid" water. Not to worry, come Fall we'll lose these hearty souls to their lane lines, leaving the cool, windy cove to ourselves.

Business-wise, the Club's on course to settle most of the tasks at hand. Balancing the rights and needs of the disabled with the Club's desire to address and remedy the gross inadequacies of the women's locker room, sauna and shower is our #1 objective, and a formidable challenge. Under the leadership of Boat House Captain Kevin Hartnett and architect Lee Hammack, the building committee has recommended, and the Board of Governors has approved, the application for permits to remodel the men's west locker room into the new women's locker room with currently available funding, requiring no assessments or dues increase. Our long term strategy would incorporate into the permit disabled accessibility compliance, to be funded by the yearly operating surplus that has been generated annually since 1992, when the membership voted a dues increase expressly for the purpose of funding these capital improvements. Elements of access compliance, including the installation of an elevator, in conjunction with certain seismic improvements, would take place as dedicated funds accumulate. Concurrent with our deep commitment to improving this facility, which is leased from the City Recreation and Park Department, we are seeking to exercise now the lease renewal option due in 2004.



Mother & son Louise & Nick Bea at work on the Wieland

Early in October a Dolphin committee comprised Vice-President Meg Reilly, Carlos Bea, and myself met with the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department. The purpose of the meeting was to ascertain what obstacles, if any, stand between the Club and our desire to extend our lease. We reviewed our ongoing remodeling project and expressed our need for a commitment from the City for a lease extension so that the Dolphin Club will be around an additional 24 years to enjoy the benefits of our significant capital investments. The meeting

Photograph by Phil Kohlenberg

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The Wieland Returns

By John Kortum



Wieland relaunching ceremony

On July 23rd the Wieland was officially relaunched at the Dolphin Club. The following is a brief history of boat.

John Wieland, a gold miner, baker and beer baron, was a charter member of the Dolphin Club. When he died in 1885, his family commissioned the construction of a magnificent new boat for the Club as a tribute in his memory. This boat, named for Wieland himself, was launched in 1887. It has served as the flagship of the Club's rowing fleet ever since.

Not being quite a ship of the line of the Navy, the John Wieland has come to us with little history recorded about her voyages in the century since her original launching. Old timers recall that one time she nearly sank off Alcatraz with a cargo of horse manure, that she transported Club members to Candlestick for the ball games, that she regularly served as a team bus for softball competitions on Angel Island, and that she frequently contributed to the public safety by keeping Club members off the state highways on return trips from Sam's in Tiburon and other bayside watering holes.

Perhaps the details of this hard usage were better left unrecorded. However, by the late 1980's, the Wieland was showing desperate signs of age and wear. She leaked. Blows to the side had stove in and cracked her sheer strake. Short term repairs had caused stress to the planking at the turn of the bilge and had fractured it. In order to permit a new keelson to be installed in a repair job done in the 1970's, every frame had been cut at the centerline, destroying the frames' main job of tying one side of the boat to the other. The oarlock mounts had worked loose. While her copper rivets had survived, her numerous steel, bronze and brass fastenings had largely disintegrated. In short, the old Wieland was very tired after a century.

To remedy this condition, the Dolphin Club Board of Governors approved rebuilding the Wieland. After a last row around Alameda, the place of her construction in 1887, the Wieland was decommissioned in December 1991 and placed in the Dolphin Club boatshop.

With help from Tuesday "boat night" volunteers, boatbuilder Jon Bielinski took off the Wieland's measure-

Photographs by Bob David

ments and lofted her lines. With this information, he constructed molds to define her shape upon reconstruction. Once these molds were placed into the vessel as a final check upon her shape, her bottom and keel structure were cut out with a Sawzall. With the bottom out of the old boat, Bielinski laid a new and lighter keel, stem, sternpost and deadwood.

With the help from the volunteers, Bielinski milled the 3/8th inch garboard planks and the six 5/16th inch upper planks out of straight grained Port Orford cedar. Each strake was flat scarfed in two places to complete the forty foot run of the boat's length. The strakes were lapped with adjoining planks and rabbeted towards the bow and stern.

On a single night in June 1996, forty-five volunteers steamed, bent and fastened sixty frames into the Wieland. Teams of volunteers drove over a thousand copper nails through the planking and frames and peened them over roves.

The crew installed longitudinal stringers, thwarts and fore and stern sheets of Douglas Fir, rub rails of oak, and grown knees of applewood. With guidance from the design of the traditional eight-oared shells, volunteers engineered the layout of the rowing positions. Oarlocks were acquired from George Pocock in Seattle.

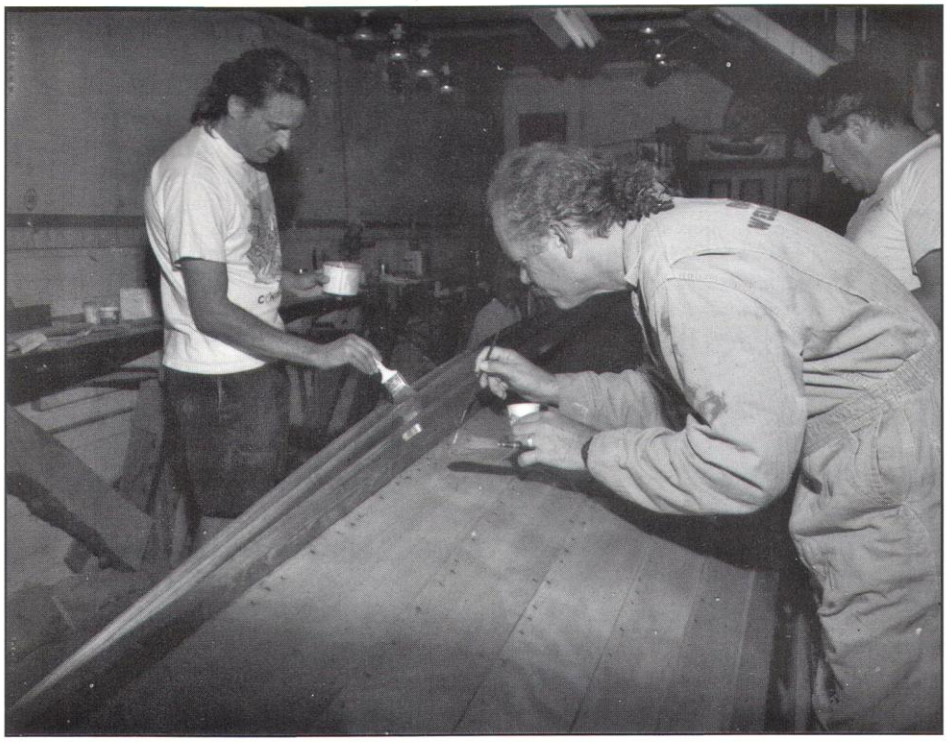


Wieland clears moorings

Nine coats of varnish protect the inside of the planking, six coats shield the frames and interior fittings, and six coats again seal the outside hull.

The most significant design change from the boat as decommissioned is in the keel structure. The heavy log keel installed in the 1970's as a repair was replaced by a "T" structure composed of a 1" by 1-1/4" oak keel topped with a 1/2" oak hog piece slightly over two inches wide. This single change saved approximately three hundred pounds in weight over the old log keel. It stiffens the boat to resist bending in her length but allows the boat to twist to soften the stress of the waves.

With a crew of six on the oars and a helmsman, the Wieland should cruise at six knots. With two crews aboard trading rowing watches, she will travel San Francisco Bay waters to Sacramento, further, and back.



Chester Hazelwood, George Robbins, and James Mason detailing the Wieland

WIELAND VOLUNTEERS

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Bob Allen
Virgil Anderson
Robert Baldwin
Tim Ballard
Louise Bea
Nick Bea
Bonnie Berg
Chris Bergen
Deanne Bianucci
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Peter Brand
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Justin Cadalago
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Boomer Counselman
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Vicki Cunningham
Bob Danielson
Peter Darlington
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Liz Davis
Ed De Cossio
Ruth DeGroot
Jeff Deren
Dave Devlin
Mike Dinunzio
Bill Doll
Mark Dolphin
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Pete Evans
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Steve Hiatt
Stan Hlynsky
Bob Hoff
Ned Hoffman
Sid Hollister
Heidi Howell
George Howell
Annabel Hoyt
Jerry Hurtado
Brian Huse
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Hal Irish
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Cecco Menucci
John Mervin
Bob Mittelstadt
George Morales
John Muir
Robin Nowinsky
Kristin Nakazawa
Janice Nelson
Rosalee Nichols
Brian O'Flynn
Tom Okey
Todd Oppenheimer
Stephanie Osiah
Dan Osborne
Mimi Osborne
Sophia Palumbo
John Perino
Pete Peterson
Will Powning
Kelly Ray
Phil Reiff
Meg Reilly
Wayne Riddle
George Robin
Andy Rodgers
Boris Rozenberg
Bill Rus
Mary Sancimino
Phil Sancimino
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Feature

By Nancy Friedman

The Dolphin Club Fund

In 1995 Club member Joe Cowan conceived, planned, and helped establish the Dolphin Club Fund. Administered by the San Francisco Foundation, the Dolphin Club Fund is a tax-deductible way for Club members to support the San Francisco Recreation and Park youth swimming programs.

We are now halfway through the second full year of the Fund's operation, and it is a success.

The first appeal, which accompanied 1996 dues bills, raised a generous $5,000 in donations from Club members, including one $500 donation. The money was converted into 300 learn-to-swim tickets (each good for 10 lessons), which were disbursed at city pools to kids who met specific low-income requirements.

As it happened, not all the swim tickets were used at the end of the 1996 season. The surplus—about 100 tickets—will be passed out this summer.

The 1997 mailing resulted in donations of $4,300. A portion of this money will be converted into an additional 100 tickets for swim lessons during the 1997 season. The remainder is being channeled into an exciting new project: the Garfield Pool age-group swim team.

Located in the Mission, Garfield Pool serves a diverse community that includes many low-income residents. Thanks to an enthusiastic swim coach, Maureen Evans, the pool has a fledgling swim team of about 15 kids, ages 7 to 12. However, the team lacks many of the basics needed for training and competition: goggles, team suits, starting blocks, pace clocks, and more.

A suggestion from Lynne Goodlaw, aquatics coordinator at Rec and Park, led to the Dolphin Club Board's approval of official Club support for the Garfield team. More than $2,000 of our 1997 donations is being released to Coach Evans (via the Friends of Rec and Park) for team development. With the help of our contributions, she hopes to have some team members ready for competition soon.

We invited Coach Evans and her swimmers to visit the Club on May 3. Coach and kids (and two parents) arrived in time to watch the finish of the Crazy Cove. Joe Cowan and I took the kids on tours of the boathouse and locker rooms. We hope this will be the first of many opportunities to be true sponsors—in spirit as well as in resources—of this fine group.

By the way, the Dolphin Club Fund is a year-round effort. If you'd like to help introduce a San Francisco kid to the joys of swimming, you may drop off your check in any amount (made out to "Dolphin Club Fund") in the dues box in the Staib Room. Donations can also include memorial gifts and estate planning bequests.

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proved to be extremely productive, with another one scheduled in early November.

After more than 20 years, Jack Giacomini retired as our public access door person. Friends and colleagues gathered on the 30th of May to honor Jack at an afternoon soiree, complete with cake and champagne all around. Once again, I would like to thank Jack for all the years of service he has provided. Stepping in to fill the expanded duties of door person is Rico "Moon" Passinisi. Be careful not to stay in the same place for too long or you may find yourself painted Dolphin blue.

Our public access policy requires that any and all guests must sign the waiver and pay the $6.50 at the door. Compliance is mandatory of all guests while they are using the Club. If you notice a member of the public using the club during our open hours please feel free to (politely) monitor compliance; a brief tour or a few words of introduction to the bay and swimming would be a neighborly gesture.

Stay tuned to the bulletin boards at the Club for notices announcing the next "Ask the President Night," tentatively scheduled for late October. The first one attracted a small and interested group of members for an informative exchange; the delightful buffet of wine, cheese and cookies were a pleasant compliment to the evening. As always I am glad to answer your questions at any time. I can be found on the beach early in the mornings, or leave a note for me in my box.

As always Lou, with Moon's help, reminds us NO WET FEET IN THE STAIB ROOM.

This Holiday Season donate to
The Dolphin Club Fund
and help a kid to swim

Dolphin Swim Statistics

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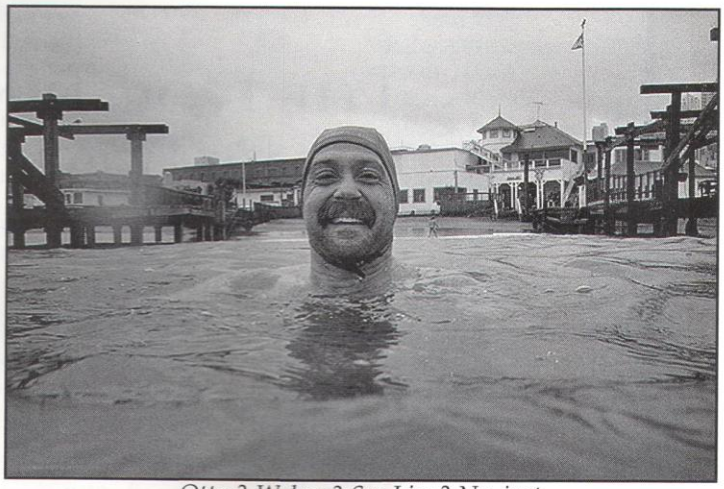
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January 1, 1997

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3. Ann Morey 14:11
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6. Elmer Tosta 15:04
7. Ed Urban 15:34
8. Krist Jake 15:40
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32. John Davis 25:36
33. Bob McKenzie 27:59
34. Steve North 28:42
35. Bill Powning 35:00

Swim Update
by Pete Bianucci, Swim Commissioner

Please check out the 1998 swim schedule on the back cover (days and times are subject to change). As this year comes to a close, Pat North will be stepping down as co-swim commissioner. She has been a valued member of this team and I will miss her. Next year we will need one commissioner and three strong assistants. Our intention is to allow everyone helping out to take a break every so often. We also need someone to step forward and assume the "Pilot Captain" duties. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in filling this slot in 1997. The pilot captain will be responsible for training and pilot duties during the swims—something our Club critically needs. Additionally, the swim commission is looking for someone to organize the kitchen on swim days. These jobs can be shared.

We welcome any member who wants to join or is interested in the Swim Commission to attend a special meeting. It will be held at the Dolphin Club on December 14, 1997, right after the New Year's Day qualifier swim. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to me before the meeting.



Otter? Walrus? Sea Lion? No, just George "Windmill" Kebbe in a moment of quiescence

Helpers: Chuck Perkins, Paul Cummings, Mimi Osborne, Meg Reilly, Pete Bianucci, Era Osibe, Jack Kamesar, Ann Sasaki, Ann Morey, Don Reid, Phil Kohlenberg, Walt Schneebeli

Pilots: Susan Allen, Tom Kuglen, Meg Reilly, Don Harrison, Jim Fagan, David Zovickian, Dan Osborne, Jenny Muth, Pete Bianucci, Erik von Blankenberg, Colin Gift, Rich Cooper, Al de la Pena, Barry Christian, Sam Lawson, and Nancy Friedman

The Z—Man Mid-Winter Cove
January 26, 1997

1. Becky Fenson 19:16
2. John Selmer 20:24
3. Laura Burtch 20:45
4. Jim Mason 23:13
5. Candice Kelly 23:19
6. George Kebbe 23:49
7. Ann Morey 24:04
8. Larry Scroggins 25:26
9. Alan Budenz 25:28
10. Elmer Tosta 26:25
11. Kelly Flynn 27:25
12. Krist Jake 27:30
13. Z Man 27:38
14. Margaret Keenan 27:40
15. Mark McKee 28:07
16. John Haymaker 30:55
17. Sunny McKee 33:10
18. John Hornor 38:05

Short Course

1. Paul Ambrose 25:30
2. Ken Coren 27:03
3. Mark Mullen 27:28
4. Nancy Hornor 29:06
5. Era Osibe 29:57
6. Jerry Cullen 42:36
7. Rick Ragusa 44:45

Helpers: Jackie Merovich, Meg Reilly, Laura Merkl, Maura Graham, Heather Royer, Jenny Muth, Mimi Osborne, Sue Garfield, Rachel Elgin, Eric von Blankenberg, Krist Jake, Conrad von Blankenberg, Walt Schneebeli

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Mid-Winter Gas House Cove
February 8, 1997

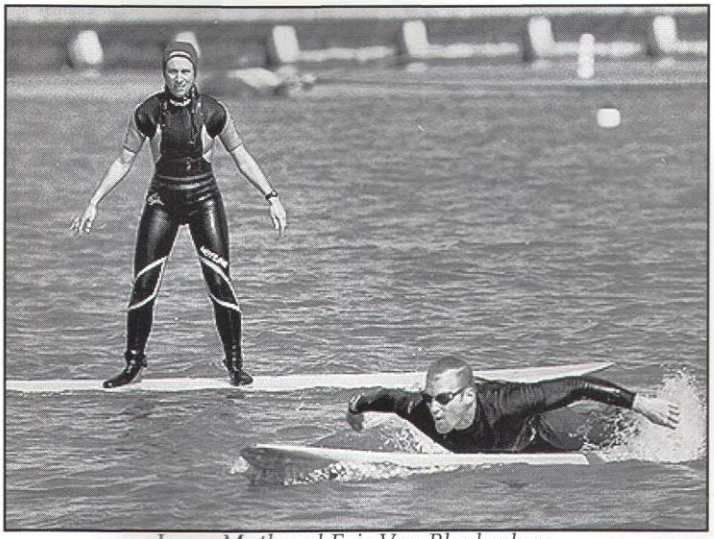
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26. Katie Cronin 26:37
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Pilots: Nancy Friedman, Mary Cantini-Norkin, Celeste McMullin, Don Harrison, Chuck Vogt, Hal Irish, Rich Cooper, Andy Camous, Eric Mellinger, Peter Drino, Dan Osborne, Phil Reiff, Colin Gift, Padraic Doyle, Matt Sheridan, Phil Kohlenberg, Pete Bianucci, Al de la Pena, and Bob Hoff.

Polar Bear
1997

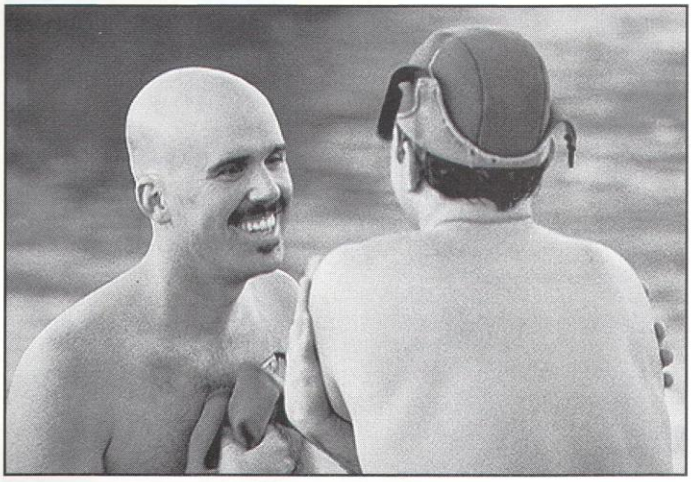
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9. Krist Jake 53
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10. Peter McLaughlin 51.50
11. John Selmer 51
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12. Becky Fenson 50



Jenny Muth and Eric Von Blankenberg in the midst of their water borne ballet

29. David Broadbear 30:19
30. Sarah McCuskey 33:16
31. John Davis 33:27
32. Steve North 40:21
33. Don Reid 40:34
34. Pavla Podolska 42:34
35. Bill Powning 55:00

 Ray Hassan * 50
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17. John Davis 45
18. Nick Stelchuk * 44.50
19. Lee Hammack 44
20. John Pelka 43



The Payne Brothers

 Ann Morey * 43
21. John Dugan 42.75
 John Davies 42.75
22. Jackie Merovich 42.50
 Anne Sasaki * 42.50
 Carter Seddon 42.50
23. John Hornor 42.25
24. Mimi Osborne 42
 Joe "Sky King" Abbott 42
 Tom Kuglen 42
 Pete Neubauer 42
 Linda Furiya * 42
25. Mark Mullen 41.50
26. Jerry Cullen 41
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 Bill Powning 41
 Mick LaVelle 41
 J. Pokey Finlay * 41
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 Tony DuComb 41
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 Jenny Muth * 40.75
 Michael Lord 40.75
28. Greg Simon 40.50
29. Suzie Dods 40.25

30. ***The Forty Mile Club***
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 Candice Kelly 40
 Vincent Huang 40
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 Phil Kohlenberg 40
 Dan Osborne 40
 Conrad von Blankenberg .. 40
 Jon Nakamura 40
 Pete Bianucci 40
 Margaret Keenan 40
 Rocky Muzzin 40
 Tina Scott 40
 Leslie Callan 40
 Boris Rozenberg 40
 Gail Grynbaum * 40
 Alan Budenz 40
 Ed Urban 40
 Pizarro 40

* indicates first timers.

Spring Cove
March 23, 1997

Long Course

1. Laura Burtch 19:49
2. Laura Merkl 20:53
3. Jon Nakamura 22:54
4. Krist Jake 24:39
5. Peter McLaughlin 26:32
6. Tina Scott 29:27
7. John Hornor 29:54

Short Course

1. David Zovickian 17:32
2. Elmer Tosta 17:32
3. Dan Osborne 18:34
4. Vince Huang 18:50
5. Jennifer Lamers 19:16
6. Joe Ferarro 20:52
7. Chuck Perkins 21:25
8. Nancy Friedman 21:36
9. Jackie Merovich 21:59
10. Deanne Bianucci 22:28
11. Jeff Ranta 22:53
12. Dan McGill 23:51
13. Louise Bea 25:31

14. Nick Strelchuk 25:35
15. Chuck Vogt 26.12
16. John Hummer 26:15
17. Debby Rose 26:32
18. Walt Schneebeli 29:04
19. John Davis 29:13
20. Bill Powning 40:05

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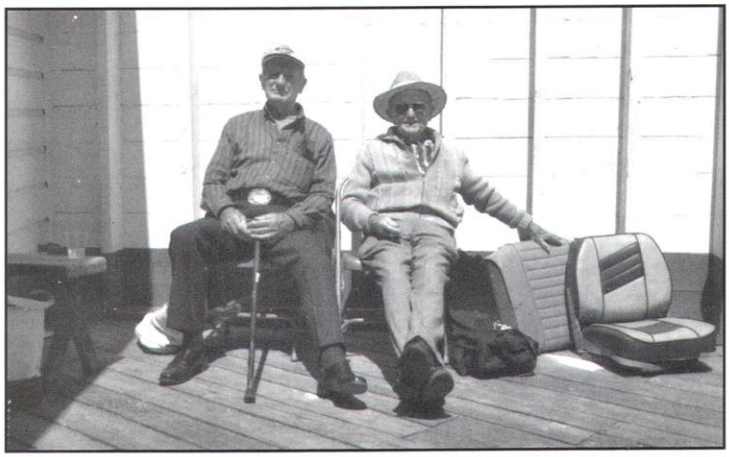
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Pier 41
April 13, 1997

1. George Kebbe 21:31
2. Jon Nakamura 21:49
3. Elmer Tosta 21:50
4. Phil Rollins 22:44
5. Ann Morey 22:48
6. Mark McKee 22:54
7. Larry Scroggins 23:00
8. Erik Von Blankenburg 24:09
9. Conrad Von B 24:15
10. Krist Jake 24:22
11. Dan Osborne 24:30
16. Mark O'Hara 26:27
17. John Hornor 26:38
18. Jenny Muth 26:42
19. Lee Hammack 26:59
20. Paul Ambrose 27:02
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22. Barry Christian 27:43
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30. Ray Hassan 28:28
31. Tony DuComb 28:46
32. Nancy Hornor 28:47
33. Jerry Cullen 29:10
34. Sue Garfield 29:11
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36. Joe Cowan 30:05
37. Dan McGill 30:37
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39. David Broadbear 35:10
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45. Bill Powning 49:41

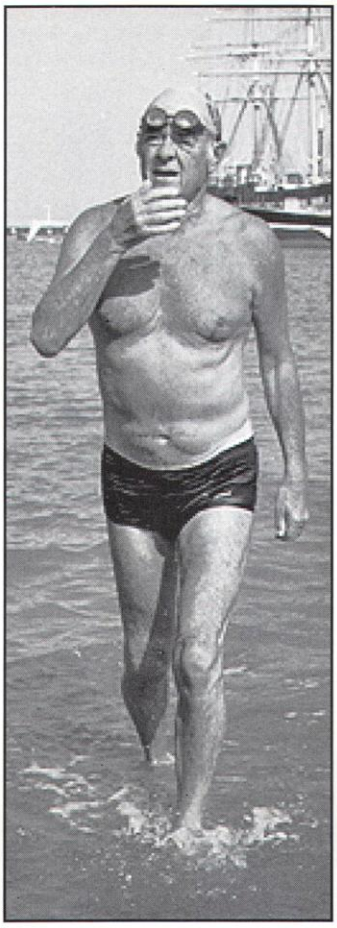
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Oldtimers Jack and Virgil

12. Pete Neubauer 26:04
13. Sunny McKee 26:11
14. Joe Ferraro 26:21
15. Neal Powers 26:24

Pilots: Kevin Hartnett, Meg Reilly, Al de la Pena, Colin Gift, Bob Danielson, Bob Allan, Susan Allen, Pete Urrea, David Shutt, Hal Irish, Jim Fagan, Tom Ferraro, Andy Camous, Rich Cooper, Phil Kohlenberg, Pete Bianucci, John Sullivan, Laura Burtch, David Zovickian, Heather Royer, Jane Krueger, Gary Erhsam, Matthew Sheridan, Eric Shakleford, Eric Mellinger, Margaret Keenan, and Lindsay Casablanca



Elder Statesman

Over 45
Gas House
May 18, 1997

1. John Selmer 18:07
2. Sean Kelly 18:42
3. James Mason 20:09
4. Peter Drino 20:19
5. Alan Budenz 20:47
6. Elmer Tosta 21:21
7. Dan Osborne 22:02
8. Tom Hofmann 22:41
9. Peter Darlington 22:48
10. Krist Jake 22:48
11. Conrad von B. 22:48
12. Joe Illick 23:19
13. Sunny McKee 23:39
14. Ed Urban 24:16
15. Pete Neubauer 24:19
16. Eric Shackelford 24:26
17. Jean Howe 24:50
18. Mark Lubiszewski 24:51
19. Neal Powers 24:51
20. Bob Colyar 25:32
21. Susan Cobb 25:53
22. Wendy Kress 26:18
23. John Hornor 26:26
24. Ken Coren 26:30
25. Nancy Friedman 26:31
26. Peter Vandesteer 26:47
27. Tony Du Comb 27:00
28. George Gara 27:04
29. Roger Kleid 27:05
30. Anne Sasaki 27:06
31. John Dugan 27:15
32. Colin Gift 27:31
33. Joe Cowan 27:36
34. Nancy Hornor 28:06
35. Jerry Cullen 29:00
36. Lindsay Casablanca 30:07
37. Dan McGill 30:10
38. Gail Grynbaum 30:23
39. John Hummer 30:44
40. Nick Strelchuk 31:54
41. Will Powning 31:41
42. Dahlia Kamesar 31:43
43. Jim Grant 32:24
44. Chuck Vogt 33:12
45. Rudy De May 35:15
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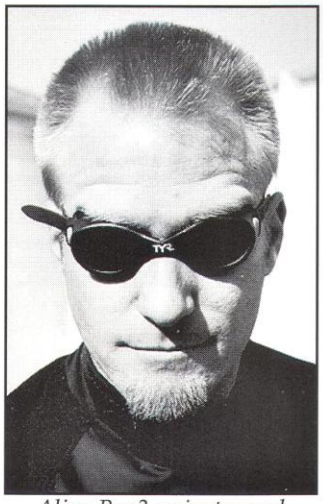
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Photographs by James Mason

Yacht Harbor
June 7, 1997

1. Heather Royer 25:21
2. Laura Burtch 26:52
3. Paul Wolf 27:36
4. Marla McGowan 27:35
5. Candice Kelly 27:57
6. John Lennox 28:20
7. George Kebbe 28:26
8. Josiah Bunting 28:39
9. Alan Budenz 28:42
10. Ann Morey 29:03
11. Margaret Keenan 29:10
12. David Zovickian 29:15
13. Paolo Marchesi 29:18
14. Todd Oppenheimer 29:28
15. Phil Rollins 29:33
16. Dan Osborne 29:42
17. Peter McLaughlin 29:50
18. Eric Von Blankenburg 29:57
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22. Conrad V Blankenburg 30:48
23. Megan Sullivan 31:15
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25. Bob Blum 31:42
26. Vince Huang 31:45
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28. Peter Darlington 31:52
29. Jenny Muth 32:18
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36. Roger Kleid 33:55
37. Chuck Perkins 34:16
38. Keith Nelson 34:24
39. Jackie Merovich 34:39



Alien Boy? or just a cool Dolphin dude?

40. Joe Cowan 35:01
41. Nancy Hornor 36:37
42. Jim Grant 36:48
43. Nick Strelchuk 36:49
44. Dan McGill 37:05
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Twilight Cove
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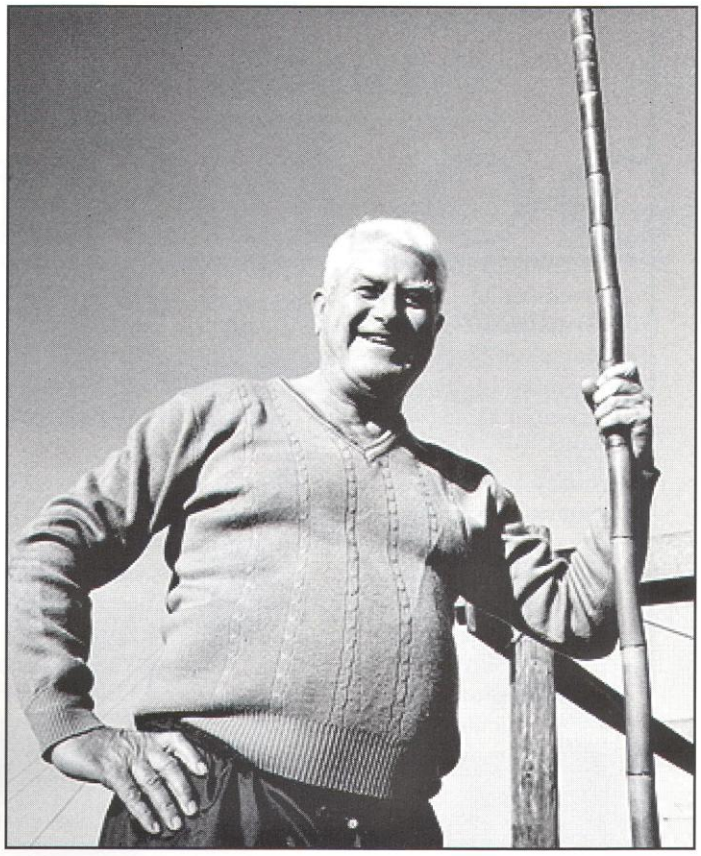
Long Course

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2. Diane Abele 21:20
3. Steve Schatz 22:03
4. Tom Schatz 22:15
5. Jim Mason 23:05
6. Paul Ainsley 23:21
7. George Kebbe 24:15
8. Candice Kelly 24:16
9. Marla McGowan 24:16
10. Paolo Narchesi 24:42
11. Elmer Tosta 24:54
12. Phil Rollins 25:12
13. John Pelka 25:16
14. Cathy Huang 25:20
15. Alan Budenz 25:30
16. Margaret Keenan 25:31
17. Suzie Dods 26:08
18. David Shutt 26:09
19. Dan Osborne 26:42
20. Susan Allen 27:08
21. Vince Huang 27:10
22. Tom Hofmann 27:25
23. Rey Hassan 27:39
24. Bob Blum 29:41
25. Erik Burke 30:18
26. Fred Johnson 30:32
27. Matt Sheridan 31:42
28. Deanne Bianucci 31:42
29. Joshua Burbank 32:19
30. Tony DuComb 32:22
31. John Hornor 32:23
32. Bob Allen 32:48
33. Nancy Friedman 32:49
34. Norm H Duffett 33:44
35. Tom Allen 35:10
36. Steve Worthington 35:27
37. Dave Copeland 35:57
38. Lorna Newlin 36:22
39. Flicka McGurrin 36:40
40. Val Fagre 36:53
41. Sandy Lemkuhl 37:28
42. Dennis Williams 38:20
43. Charlie Seavey 38:48
44. Debbie Rose 38:56
45. Phil Fernandez 43:37

Short Course

1. Anna Ratkovich 15:38
2. Anne Sasaki 16:24
3. John Dugan 16:25
4. Greg LaRoche 18:23
5. Marty Driscoll 19:52
6. Pete Bianucci 20:23
7. Keith Weaver 21:57
8. David Broadbear 22:54
9. John Davis 23:08
10. Louise Bea 26:02

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Oldtimer James Vanya loosens up with a little Eastern tradition

1997 & 1998 Swim Schedule

Date	Event	Jump-Off
1997		
November 8 - *Saturday*	Annual Swim/Pilot Appreciation Dinner	TBA
November 15 - *Saturday*	Dolphin/South End Triathlon	TBA
November 16 - *Sunday*	Introduction To Bay Swimming	TBA
November 27 - *Thursday*	Thanksgiving Day Cove	0900
December 14 - *Sunday*	New Year's Day Alcatraz Qualifier	0900
December 21 - *Saturday*	*Polar Bear Swim Starts*	
1998		
January 1 - *Thursday*	New Year's Day Cove	TBA
January 1 - *Thursday*	New Year's Day Alcatraz	TBA
January 31 - *Saturday*	☸ Mid-Winter Gas House Cove	TBA
February 22 - *Sunday*	**Z - Man** Mid - Winter Cove	TBA
March 21 - *Saturday*	*Polar Bear Swim Ends*	
March 21 - *Saturday*	☸ Spring Cove	TBA
April 26 - *Sunday*	☸ Yacht Harbor	TBA
May 16 - *Saturday*	☸ **Dick Beeler** Crazy Cove	TBA
July 31 - *Sunday*	☸ Pier 39	TBA
June 1 - *Monday*	*100 Mile Swim Starts*	
June 7 - *Sunday*	☸ Crissy Field	TBA
June 19 - *Friday*	☸ Twilight Cove - *Pot Luck & BBQ*	TBA
July 12 - *Sunday*	☸ Over Sixty Cove - *Swim fees not necessary*	TBA
July 18 - *Saturday*	☸ Trans Tahoe Relay	TBA
July 25 - *Saturday*	☸ **Doc Howard** - Over 45 - Gas House Cove	TBA
August 1 - *Saturday*	☸ Santa Cruz Pier Swim	TBA
August 8 - *Saturday*	☸ Fort Point	TBA
August 15 - *Saturday*	**Joe Bruno** Golden Gate II - Slow Day	TBA
August 16 - *Sunday*	**Joe Bruno** Golden Gate I - Fast Day	TBA
September 27 - *Sunday*	Alcatraz	TBA
October 11 - *Sunday.*	Handicap Cove	TBA
October 25 - *Sunday*	Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon	TBA
October 31 - *Saturday*	*100 Mile Swim Ends*	
November 7 - *Saturday*	Dolphin/South End Triathlon	TBA
November 14 - *Saturday*	Annual Swim/Pilot Appreciation Dinner	TBA
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• Swim Program Rules •

1. Club scheduled swims are restricted to club members only.
2. Swimmers are required to wear fluorescent orange caps on all scheduled swims.
3. Swimmers must be members in good standing with dues current and swim fees paid.
4. New members are not eligible to swim in scheduled swims for 6 months from their membership start.
5. Out-of-cove swims are limited to 60 swimmers and may be further limited by the Swim Commission.
6. Alcatraz and Golden Gate swims are limited to 75 swimmers; Alcatraz swimmers are chosen by lottery.
7. Swim sign-up sheets are posted two weeks prior to each swim.
8. Time limits are imposed and enforced for all swims.
9. All club boats are reserved for scheduled swims; riders are prohibited.

• Additional qualifications for Alcatraz and Golden Gate Swims •

10. In-town members must successfully complete 2 swims marked with a wheel (☸) and one other scheduled swim and pilot or help on at least 2 others.
11. Out-of-town members (those residing 100+ miles from the club) must have successfully completed 2 of the last 3 club scheduled Alcatraz and/or Golden Gate swims or meet rule 10 above.
12. Once a member has qualified for Alcatraz/Golden gate swims, non-qualified members will be given priority to qualifying swims.

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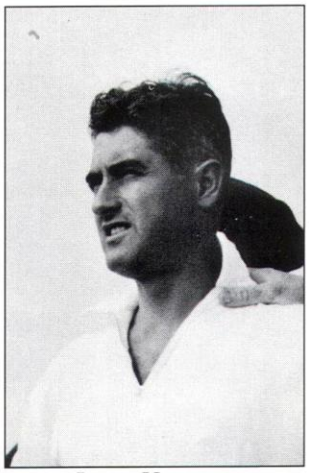
Cover Photograph

Our good friend Cecco passed away last December after an inspired life in San Francisco, much of it at the Dolphin Club. The photograph by Susan Lauritzen was made at the launching of the "*Cecco*" in 1989.

Thanks James

Late last year the Dolphin Club and its membership were the recipients of a generous gift by longtime Club member James Vanya who donated a large-screen television. An instant hit with the lounging and card-playing crowd of the Staib room, the television, with its high-quality screen, replaced the old one, which suffered from a bad reputation.

But soon after its arrival, El Niño struck Aquatic Park and during a fierce storm, the Club was hit by lightning, causing some of the electrical circuits to blow in the new TV. Marcelli quickly dispatched some virile Dolphins to haul it up to the repair store. Within a few days it was back in the Staib, operational. So every time you sit down to watch a game this spring, remember the kindness and generosity of James Vanya. Thanks buddy.



James Vanya—virile and generous

Lake Merced

Did you know that the Dolphin Club maintains a boathouse out at Lake Merced? Found below the cafe called the "The Boathouse," you will find an assortment of single and double shells. The calm waters of the lake provide a different rowing experience. For information on rowing training at our Lake Merced Clubhouse, call Gary Ehrsam at 415-642-0962 or just stop by the Lake any Saturday or Sunday morning (usually before 10:00 a.m.) and squint out over the water.

Anniversary



Recent gathering celebrating the twentieth anniversary of women's official membership in the Dolphin Club

Photograph by Nancy Friedman

Shortly after the twentieth anniversary of the event, many of the first official female members of the Dolphin Club gathered to celebrate their joining. Sunday, March 8 found Moon Passinissi using his Epicurean talents for the ladies lunch, which was served on the Dolphin deck. It was a worthy occasion, marking a time that made the Club whole.

In Memoriam

In August of 1997 Mary Verdon died unexpectedly from a stroke. Though she had relocated to her native New Jersey, she retained her Club membership and imagined living in the Bay Area again. Soon after joining, Mary became a joyful zealot of Bay swimming. She brought to the Club a seasoned ocean kayaking background, which she eagerly applied to piloting. In her short life , Mary made numerous community contributions, especially in her practice of family medicine at UCSF. Mary's boundless good spirits and selfless demeanor were a welcome presence at the Club and will be missed. A large family , and her husband David Covell, who was a frequent pilot at Dolphin Club swims, survive Mary. The Board has voted to name one of our kayaks after Mary; the ceremony will take place this spring.

—Laura Burtch

Dolphin Club Fund

Into spreading the gospel of swimming as a way to improve the individual and the community? Put your money where your mouth is—give to the Dolphin Club Fund. Joe Cowan has designed a fund that puts underprivileged youths into the swim. Join him and many other like-minded Dolphins and contribute what you can. For more details, see the appeal and contribution form on page seven.

Yoga

According to its disciples, it creates a healthy, strong, flexible body and develops a calmer, more confident state of mind while remaining challenging and fun. Surely, it must be

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open water swimming or at the very least, rowing. Neither? It's Yoga.

Dolphin Annette Murphy has fifteen years as a Yoga practitioner, and has designed a program that complements a swimming and rowing regimen. Classes are held in the handball court and beginners are always welcome. Be on time with bare feet and an empty stomach. Winter and Spring teaching schedule:

Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
& 8:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Fridays: 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Cost: $9 drop in, or $8 for series

Handball News

The two main handball tournaments of the year, the Cinco de Mayo and the Memorial Day tournaments will take place at the Dolphin Club and South End Club handball courts . The South End Club will host the games and all Dolphin Club members are invited to watch the competition and join in the festivities.

The Cinco de Mayo tournament will highlight the best players in the Bay Area and will be held on the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd. Mexican food and beer will be available for a nominal charge

The Memorial day tournament attracts the best players from the whole western United States and starts on Saturday May 23rd with the finals on Monday, May 25th, Memorial Day. There will be a no-host bar and food available for a nominal charge. Both tournaments feature doubles competition and are always exciting events to attend

—George Brennan
Handball Commissioner

Rowing Training

Rowing training is available for all members of the club. Generally held the third weekend of every month, interested members must formally sign-up ahead of time on the sheets posted near the front entrance. The following are the remaining dates for training.:

March 21 & 22
April 18 & 19
May 22 & 23
June 20 & 21
July 18 & 19
August 22 & 23
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Election Results of the Board of Governors - 1998

President

Meg Reilly	(unopposed)	

Vice President

Vince Huang	(unopposed)	

Recording Secretary

Pete Biannucci	(unopposed)	

Financial Secretary

Phil Kohlenberg	294	Elected
Brian Gilbert	74	

Treasurer

Phil Fernandez	(unopposed)	

Boat House Captain

David Zovickian	239	Elected
Kelly Michael Flynn	127	

Board of Governors

Tina Scott	234	Elected
Louise Bea	219	Elected
Ken Coren	218	Elected
Laura Burtch	216	Elected
Phil Rollins	204	Elected
Suzanne Dods	191	Elected
Pat North Howard	186	Elected
Dan McGill	176	Elected
Nancy Friedman	173	Elected
Matthew Sheridan	164	
Don Harrison	160	
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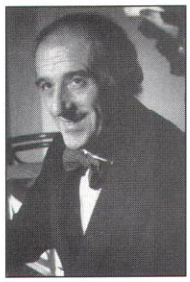
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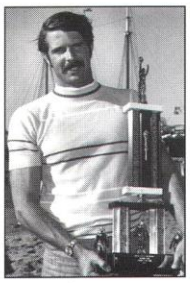
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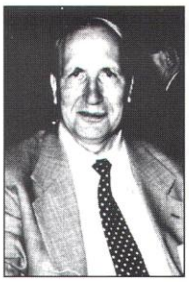
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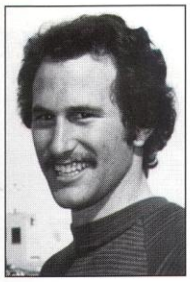
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Mike Garibaldi
August 1972

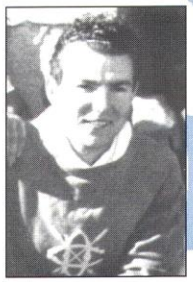


Dieter Tede
November 1972



Stephen Pinetti
December 1972

Golden Dolphin - 50 years

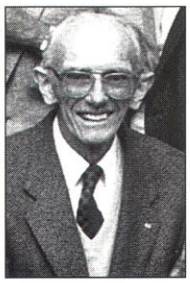


Elwayne Alexander
March 1947



Robert Nielsen
September 1947

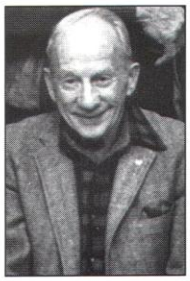
Deaths



George DeGear
Joined Oct. 1948
Died Jan. 20, 1997



Mike Scafani
Joined May 1938
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John Dunignan
Joined June 1951
Died July 3, 1997



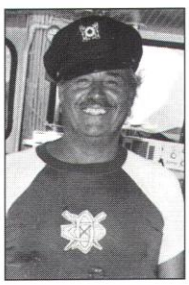
Mary Verdon
Joined Sept. 1994
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Charles Wildberger
Joined March 1965
Died Oct. 26, 1997

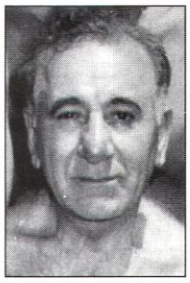


Edward Curtis
Joined July 1954
Died Dec. 1, 1997



Frank Mennucci
Joined March 1941
Died Dec. 16, 1997

Death Revealed



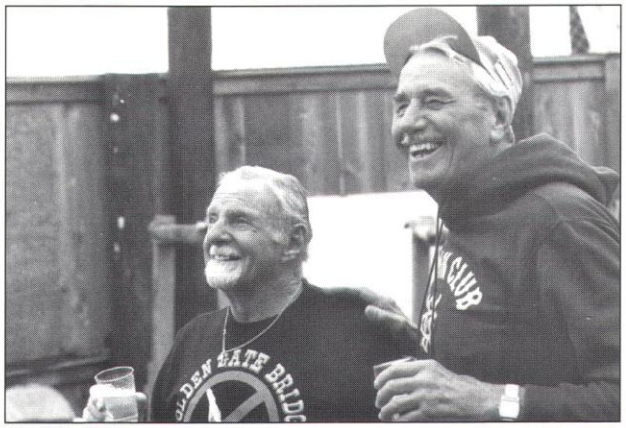
Johnathan Sargis*
Joined July 1944
Died mid 1990s

Compiled by Walt Schneebeli

**(first and only Dolphin to pass the age of 100)*

FRANK CECCO MENNUCCI | *A Wonderful Life*

By Matthew C. Sheridan and Alberto de la Peña



Photograph by Susan Lauritzen

This last year we saw many of our beloved Old Timers pass away. Each brought with them their own stories, contributing to the rich history of the Dolphin Club. But one in particular, shone like none other before him.

The Garlic man is what some called him—to others it was simply Frank—but to those at the Club who knew and loved him, he was Cecco. A father figure to some, Santa Claus to others, he was a man of many remarkable traits.

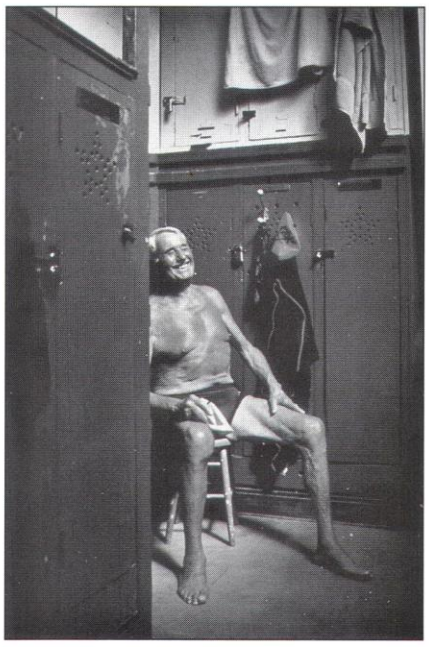
After battling a myriad of ailments for a few years, Cecco passed away on December 16, 1997. He was an institution at the Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club, having been a member for over 56 years.

Born in Lucca, Italy he came over to the States as a boy. Cecco joined the Dolphin Club in 1941, eight months before Pearl Harbor. He quickly became one of our most popular members. He led an amazingly fulfilled life, with friends and family from the Marina to Klammath Falls, Oregon to Lucca, Italy. On a foggy day, you could find him on his daily stroll along the Marina green.

The galley and the sauna were Cecco's favorite hide-outs in the club house. The fresh smell of garlic wafting through the boathouse often prompted unsuspecting members to poke their head into the galley, discovering Cecco fixated on a stool carefully preparing bruschetta and sipping on a glass of chiati. His warm and welcoming smile, with more than a hint of mischief, greeted them. As the sun set, the Galley Captain would oversee an evening of fine food and wine. He never minced words, however, leaving those who brought the wrong wine—red-faced. A culinary master, for years Cecco ran his own restaurant down in the old Produce District, where the Embarcadero complex now stands. He also ran the Fort Mason Market, a grocery store on Greenwich street in Cow Hollow.

When the tide was right, Cecco would head out for a stroll down the beach and wade-into the waves for one of his well-known tide-rides back the club house. By mid afternoon, he could be found asleep in the sauna. His browned body on the hot planks with a look of peace on his weathered face.

As Dino Pezzi, an old-time buddy of Cecco's from the South-End relayed during Cecco's funeral service, "I can see Cecco lookin down on us from heaven. Sitting next Herman, arguing about what there're gonna eat, drinkin champagne. Herman: 'I need some garlic—chop me up some garlic and parsley,' Cecco: 'You go do that, I gotta work on the Italian Mescalante.'"



Photograph by Eric Hansen

Frank Cecco Mennucci will be sorely missed. But his spirit and memory lives on in each of us. It is up to all of us to carrying on the many Dolphin traditions that he so loved.

Although the tides of El Niño have washed away much of Cecco's herb garden near the beach, the roots remain, and come Spring with the help of a nurturing Dolphin or two, the leaves of the plants will return anew.

President's Report

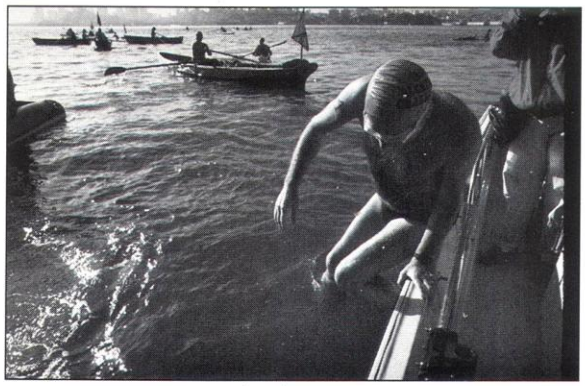
By Meg Reilly

Thanks for the Confidence

I believe that I speak for myself and all 1998 officers and board members when I thank the many Club members who encouraged me and the new board to take care of our club's business. It's a privilege and an honor to serve.

What is the Dolphin Club?

I don't pretend to have the answer to this question. Often, a question is best answered with a question: What is the difference between the Dolphin Club and a 24 hour fitness center? The simple answer is: Community. The act of trust involved in handing 920 members a key to the front door speaks volumes.



An Answer

Photographs by Caden Gray

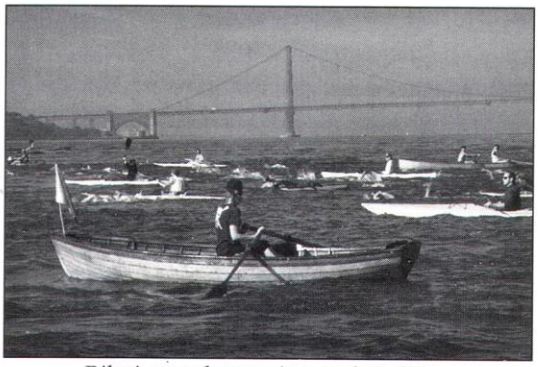
The Dolphin Club has three identities. Identity #1: The Club is a place. In the 1890s some very smart fellows built the building we call the Dolphin Club. Today, you and I are stewards charged with the responsibility to care for this edifice and the historic water craft inherited from that era.

Identity #2: The Dolphin Club is a California non-profit "social welfare" corporation formed "to provide facilities for rowing and swimming and to engage in such other athletic activities as may be beneficial to the health and well-being of the members" (Club By-Laws).

Community

It's that health and well being part that leads to the 3rd Identity. We are a community of people, who build on the traditions of our predecessors to the benefit of the individuals and the membership. This could be a political statement, but it's not. We welcome and thrive on our diversity. Like our predecessors, we are a combination of immigrants, laborers, people of great and little means, educated and barely educated, people of position and power, and those with lesser voice and influence. All rubbing shoulders for a reason.

That leads to yet another question. What brings people to the Dolphin Club in the first instance, and why do they stick around?

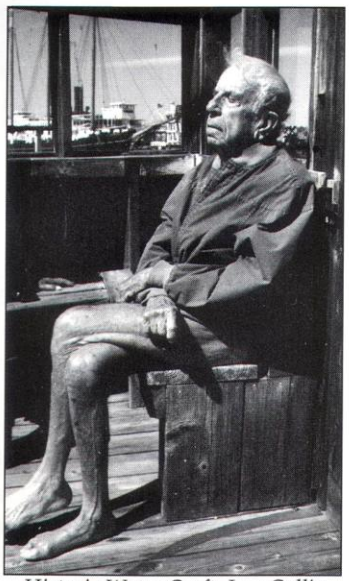


Piltoing: volunteerism and tradition

Photograph by Mark L. O'Hara

I began by asking "What is the Dolphin Club?" It's a question of fundamental importance to the future of the Club. If you can contribute your thoughts toward an answer, please do.

Theme for 1998



Historic Water Craft: Lou Gallic

Tradition and volunteerism. The value of traditions can't be overstated. The active use, maintenance and restoration of our historic fleet of Whitehall boats exemplifies traditions which build bonds among our diverse membership. Daily immersion in the waters of San Francisco Bay is another tradition that brings people together. Our traditions of cooking and breaking bread together informally and at planned gatherings gives all who care to participate the opportunity to stoke the fires and stir the pot. The practice of old traditions,

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March 2, 1998

Dear Fellow Dolphin:

This is the third annual appeal for the **Dolphin Club Fund.** In 1996, the Board of Governors, in partnership with the San Francisco Foundation, established this tax-deductible fund to support swimming programs for disadvantaged youth. As Dolphins, our lives are richer because someone dedicated time and money to teach us to swim. Your contribution enables that special gift to be passed on.

Our first two appeals raised $8,000.00. Last year we donated $2,500.00 to help start a youth swim team at the Mission District's Buchanan Pool. In 1996 and 1997 we contributed a total of $5,500.00 to fund a scholarship to provide two weeks of free swim lessons for 350 children at City pools.

The Dolphin Club Fund reflects our spirit of generosity and support. I encourage you to make a donation. Your contribution allows the Dolphin Club to reach out to San Francisco's diverse communities and encourage youth aquatic activities.

Thank you for your contribution and support.

Joe Cowan

I support youth swimming. Here is my tax-deductible donation to the Dolphin Fund

❒ **$100.00** ❒ **$50.00** ❒ **$25.00** ❒ **$_____**

Make your check payable to the Dolphin Club Fund/S.F. Foundation
502 Jefferson Street, San Francisco, California 94109

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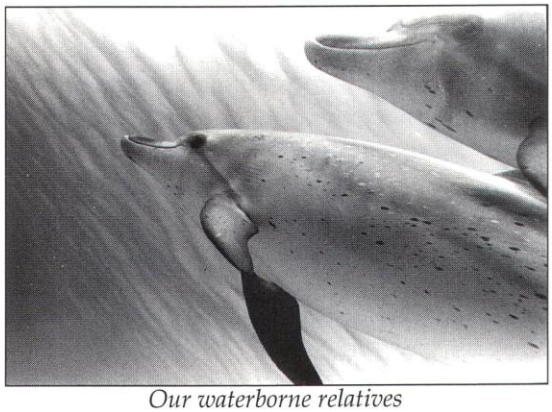
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Boat Captain's Report

By David Zovickian

A Busy Year



Our waterborne relatives

Photograph by Susan Lauritzen

1998 promises to be a very busy year for the Dolphin Club. In addition to developing a final set of plans and commencing construction for the women's locker room remodeling project, work is set to begin on refurbishing the dock, refinishing the main boathouse floor, and developing permanent storage space for the rescue boards, surf skis, and kayaks. Inside the Boatshop, the Club will return to the long-term care and maintenance of our historic wooden boat fleet.

Women's Lockerroom Remodel

The Building Committee is developing the final concept for the elevator that will provide disabled access to the second floor. Addition of the elevator, which is required by City code and Federal law, insures that every member will be able to fully enjoy all that the Club has to offer, regardless of their physical condition. Once an elevator is selected, the Club will develop a set of bid documents (architectural drawings) to solicit bids on the proposed project. Based on projections developed by an outside consultant, the cost to complete the locker room, with the installation of the elevator, is $160,000 to $200,000. The Club's cash position as of January 1, 1998 was $138,000. The expected operating surplus for 1998 should at least match 1997's $60,000 surplus, putting the accrued operating surplus through 1998 at around $198,000.

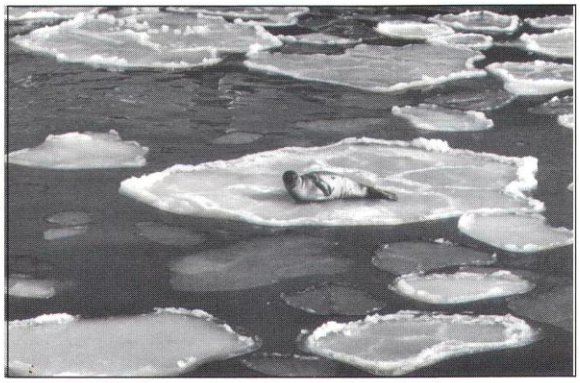
Photograph by James Mason



Ann Morey suns herself before a trip through the brine

The Club will not be ready to begin this project until summer or fall, and with the installation of the elevator will carry right up to (and likely into) 1999. Meanwhile, the membership will have saved the funds estimated to complete this phase of the project by year-end without the need to consider an assessment or dues increase.

The dues increase implemented in 1991 by the membership is generating the operating surplus necessary to fund our remodeling projects, which the members approved in a March 1993 special meeting, and Rec & Park approved in August 1995. The men's shower and sauna has been fully upgraded. It's time to move forward with what was originally the impetus for this entire project and replace and upgrade the inadequate and failing women's facility with one befitting their numbers in the Club and on a par with the men's new facility.



Keeping a sharp eye out for polar bears

Photograph by Susan Cobb

The Dolphin Dock

The deteriorated chainlink fence under the dock, extending from the Avon shed to the apron, is scheduled for replacement by winter's end. Completion of this project will maintain a secure facility for the membership.

The surface planking on the dock is exhibiting dry rot and cracking. A series of member work parties will be scheduled this spring to completely replace the planking from the Avon shed to the apron.

Boathouse

A racking system for storing rescue boards, surf skis, and kayaks is being developed for the Zahler boatroom. Having stable and secure storage for this equipment will insure consistent access to qualified members, and eliminate the extremely cramped quarters in the Avon shed for the motor craft and associated equipment.

The building committee is investigating a variety of refinishing techniques to determine the most suitable means for the preservation of the boathouse floor. This work would likely be scheduled for the fall.

Fleet Maintenance

After nearly six years of restoration the *John Wieland* is back in service. Completion of this project will allow the Club to refocus its full attention and resources on maintenance of our wooden boat fleet. One of the Club's primary goals is to reduce the backlog of boats in need of varnishing through the efforts of the Tuesday night sessions and/or subcontracting the work. All members are encouraged to participate in the maintenance and restoration our of Club's historic and valued wooden boat fleet at the Tuesday night sessions. For more information, please check the bulletin board or contact the rowing commissioner, Rueben Hechanova or myself.

Member work parties are essential to the success of these and other maintenance projects throughout the Club. Please watch the bulletin board for information on upcoming work parties. If you are willing and able to contribute your time, energy, and expertise to the Club and its many needs, please drop a note in my box.

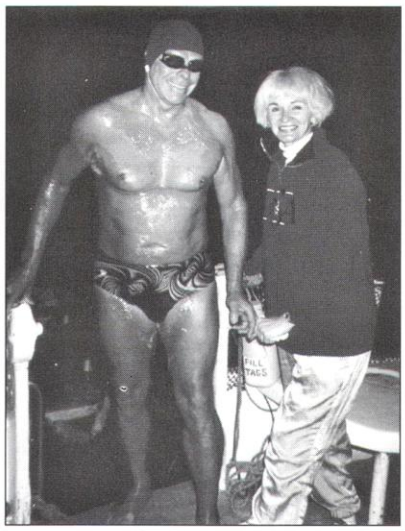
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Give to the Dolphin Club Fund

Epic on the Water

On Monday, August 11, 1997 member Peter Urrea took to the waters of the Catalina Channel to attempt a 26 mile swim from the north end of Catalina Island to the California mainland. His 2 a.m. jump-off from Doctor's Cove was accompanied with rain and 6-8 foot seas. The water temperature ranged from 63-67 degrees.

His support crew consisted of the 65 foot *Golden Doubloon*, an alternating three person kayak support group with a single kayak in the water at all times and Peter's wife Lyn. She prepared the food and Peter fed off the kayak every 30 minutes. His stops were only 10 - 15 seconds to avoid loss of body heat. During the swim, he spotted numerous small fish at the surface with sea lions and dolphins coming in close to get a look at their distant mammalian cousin. No classically hostile sea creatures were seen.



Iron Will: Peter Urrea and Lyn

13 hours and 24 minutes later, he landed on a small rocky beach in high surf just south of Point Vicente, near Palos Verdes at 3:24 PM Monday afternoon. The straight line swim distance of the swim is 22 miles, but with currents and winds, his "s" curve satellite tracking course was just over 26 miles. Peter is the oldest person at 57 to complete this swim and the 85th overall since Mr. Wrigley of Wrigley Gum sponsored the first solo swim in 1927.

His training included 3-5 hours every night of workout time in the gym and a minimum of 5-6 miles a day in the bay or pool. In the last 60 days of training, he averaged over 55 miles per week. In that time period, he coupled several back-to-back eight hour swims on Saturday and Sunday in the cove to simulate the potential of swimming up to 20 hours in the Channel. In one week, Peter completed two back-to-back nonstop ten hour pool swims.

Peter also mentioned the support, camaraderie and facilities at the Dolphin Club played an instrumental role in helping him prepare for the swim. The numerous 5-8 hour cove swims day after day, week after week always ended with a smile and great conversation with many of the Dolphins who continually provided him with encouragement. His next feat will be this summer—a repeat of the 30-mile Around Manhattan Island swim. In the following two years he will focus on the Gibraltar Channel and possibly the Irish Sea Channel, never accomplished by an American.

Editor's note: A 10 - hour nonstop pool swim at an average speed of 1.95 miles per hour would require 1.014 turns in 25 - yard pool.

Feature

By Bill Pickelhaupt

The First Woman to Swim the Gate

Swimming the Golden Gate, that stretch of water between Fort Point and the Marin Headlands, was considered an amazing athletic feat at the turn of the 19th century. The first recorded successful attempt was made by Arthur Cavill in 1896. A Dolphin Club member named John H. Caughlan made the second successful crossing of the Gate on October 17, 1897.

August of 1911 was an unremarkable year for women's rights in the United States. Though women had the right to vote in a few states, universal suffrage was still nine years away. However, that particular late summer was an historic month for women's swimming: On August 13, 1911, Terie Desch attempted a Golden Gate crossing, struggling for 37 minutes in the chilly waters off Fort Point. She and her pilots had misunderstood a signal from Captain Clark of the Life Saving Service and jumped while a strong ebb tide was running, forcing the athlete far west of the Gate.

Nellie Schmidt and Hazel Lagenour decided to challenge the Gate the following week. Two young women from Venice, California, Nita and Lyba Sheffield joined them along with Terie Desch and several young men. The crossing was set for Sunday, August 20.

Hazel and her father moved the date for her attempt up one day: if she succeeded, she would always be the first if not the fastest woman to conquer the Golden Gate. The South End Rowing Club provided the pilots, while Al Lean acted as her trainer and Walter Pomeroy was her coach and advisor.



A milestone for women's swimming: Hazel Lagenour, first woman to challenge and conquer the Gate

At 9:41 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, Hazel jumped from the rocks off Fort Point. Pulling a side stroke most of the way, 1 hour and 28 minutes later she came ashore on a small beach on the Marin shore, just west of Lime Point. Hazel Lagenour's accomplishment was hailed around the world; She was portrayed as a plucky daredevil who captured the imagination. From that day forward, women swam the Golden Gate in greater numbers.

Her feat was captured on film by her father. Her grandson, Marc Richard, a current Dolphin member, has had the film restored and transferred to videotape. The film is actually a reenactment of Hazel's swim, shot a few days after she had safely completed the original crossing. An early scene that depicts the South End Rowing Club in San Francisco's Black Point Cove was actually shot near Oroville, site of the senior Lagenour's movie company. Later, Hazel and her father parlayed her swim into a successful vaudeville act of several years running. The act was banned in Boston, as she did what the censors thought was the tango under water.

Photograph: Hazel Lagenour congratulated by her father after she became the first woman to successfully complete a swim of the Golden Gate. Her trainer, Al Lean is behind her, coach Walter Pomeroy to Hazel's left.

Dolphin Swim Statistics

July 5, 1997 — January 1, 1998

Crissy Field
July 5, 1997

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3. Laura Burtch 41:29
4. Steve Schatz 41:50
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6. Paul Wolf 43:12
7. John Davies 43:52
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Pier 39
July 26, 1997

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52. David Broadbear 47:35
53. Pavla Podolska 50:20

Helpers: Joe Illick, Pavla Podolska, Laura Merkl, Mimi Osborne, Jenny Muth, Sile Convery, Peter McLaughlin, Suzanne Heim, Nick Blum, Debby Rose, Pam Derks, Signe Curtis, Susan Lauritzen, Pete Neubauer, Joshua Berbank, and Don Reid.

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Swim Update
by Pete Bianucci, Swim Commissioner

The 1998 swim season is underway, Leaders are in place for different duties.

Suzie Dods will take the lead in handling the kitchen duties. She will need help in picking up bagles, coffee, milk, etc, before each swim. If you would like to prepare pancakes, soup or whatever, see Suzie. Coffee and donuts need to be put out before swims and the galley needs to be cleaned up after the swims, see Suzie to put in your helps.

Jackie Merovich will, once again, collect swim fees ($41.00). Remember checks only, due at your first swim of the year.

Tony DuComb will handle timing and results. He needs help with check-in, timing, sticks, and recording.

Pat McGarvey will post the number of swims, helps and pilots.

Dave Zovickian will be pilot captain. He will be developing training for pilots and assign pilot duties at the swims.

All of these members will need your support throughout the year. See them before the swims or at the swims and they will assign you duties. They will also need someone to take their place when they can't be there.

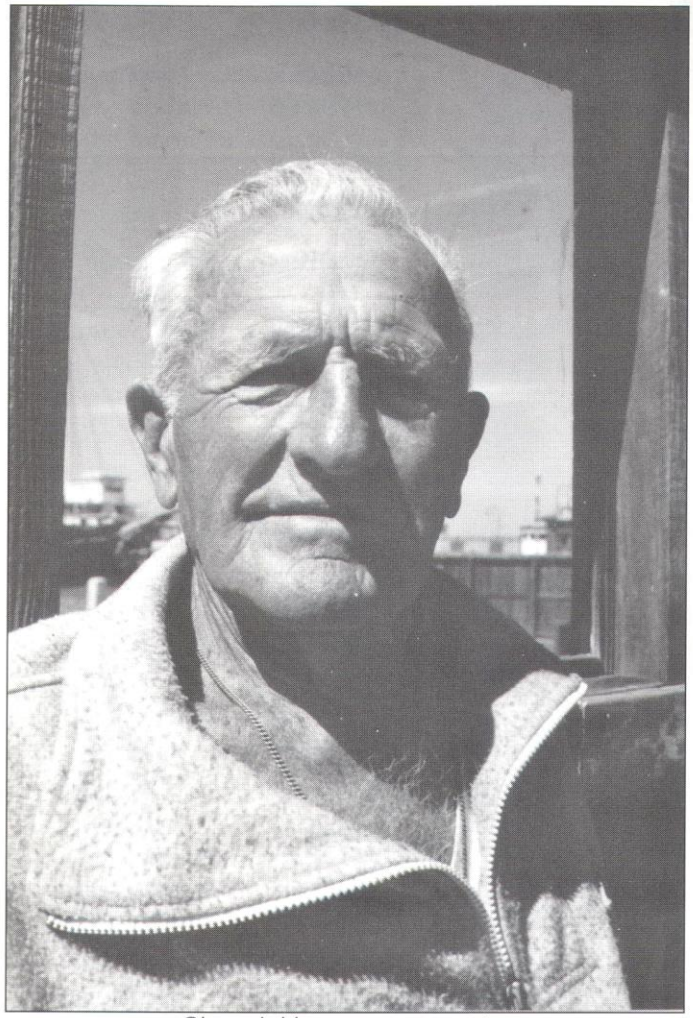
The old rules are still in place. three swims and two helps/pilots before you can swim the Gate or Alcatraz.

If you have any suggestions to improve the swim program, feel free to talk to me.

Swim Stats

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Pilots: Emily Roth, John Mervin, Bill Powning, Louise Bea, Erik von Blankenberg, Neil Hartnett, Marla McGowan, Rich Cooper, Nancy Friedman, Bob Blum, Jennifer Lamers, Andy Camous, Larry Scroggins, Ken Coren, Bob Danielson, Ed DiCasio, Paul Cummings, Tom Kuglen, Phil Kohlenberg, Colin Gift, Jackie Merovich Al De LaPena, and Eric Melllinger.



Giacomini in a sunny moment

Photograph by John Perino

Over 60 Cove
August 10, 1997

1. Dan Osborne 16:03
2. Joe Illick 16:39
3. Glynn Jones 16:56
4. Bob Danielson 18:49
5. Gerry Cullen 21:22
6. Dan McGill 22:12
7. Carlos Bea 22:36
8. Sandy Lemkuhl 22:44
9. Rudy DeMay 24:44
10. Mimi Osborne 25:58
11. Keith Weaver 26:14
12. Walt Schneebeli 27:23
13. David Broadbear 27:53
14. Steve North 31:31

Short Course

1. Jimmy Vanya 14:57
2. Bob Hoff 17:53
3. John Davis 21:04
4. Lou Marcelli 23:13
5. Hal Miramonte 27:02
6. Bill Powning 28:26
7. Bob McKenzie 28:30

Helpers: Dan Osborne, Mimi Osborne, Bonnie Winn, John Dugan, Rusa Chiu, Tom Ferraro, Gina Rus, Ann Sasaki, Nick Strelchuk, Glynn Jones, Suzanne Heim, Susan Shiffman, John Perino, Val Fagre, Eric Burke, and Peter Darlington.

Pilots: Deanne Bianucci, Alan Budenz, Mat Sheridan, Meighan Leibert, Flicka McGurrin, Barry Christian, Kevin Hartnett, Coilin Gift, Gail Grynbaum, John Theede, Meg Reilly, Sean Hartnett, Al de la Pena, Andy Camous, Bill Picklehaupt, Chester Hazelwood, Jim Fagan, Gary Ersham, and Rachel Kaufman.

Fort Point
August 17, 1997

1. Becky Fenson 54:42
2. John Selmer 1:01:34
3. Laura Burtch 1:01:35
4. Jon Nakamura 1:04:46
5. Laura Merkl 1:04:52
6. Peter Drino 1:08:54
7. Pam Derks 1:10:57
8. Pat McGarvey 1:12:28
9. Peter Urrea 1:12:48
10. Phil Rollins 1:12:59
11. Suzie Dods 1:13:51
12. Rachel Haverlock 1:16:06
13. Peter McLaughlin 1:16:11
14. Mark McKee 1:16:38
15. Krist Jake 1:16:45
16. Sunny McKee 1:16:55
17. Tom Kuglen 1:17:43
18. Mark Deadder 1:18:05
19. Jennifer Lammers 1:18:42
20. Susan Cobb 1:22:28
21. Tony DuComb 1:25:13
22. Pete Neubauer 1:27:13
23. George Gara 1:27:53
24. Signe Curtis 1:28:30
25. Ken Coren 1:29:14
26. Jim Grant 1:42:26
27. Rey Hassan 1:48:12
28. Dahlia Kamesar 151:00
29. Mary Cantini 1:56:20

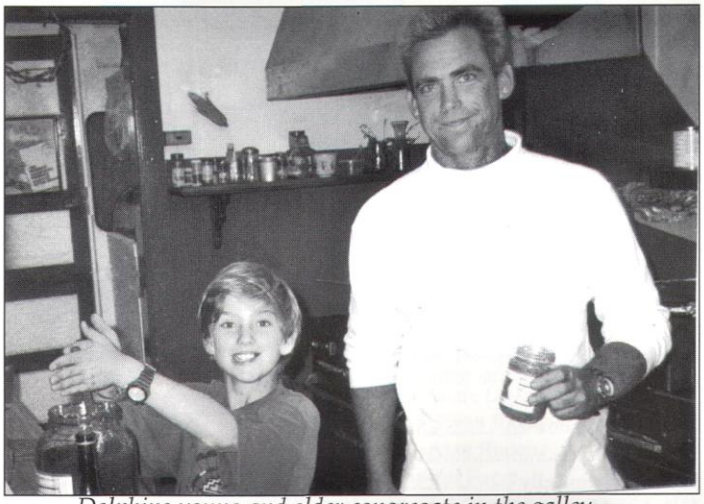
Helpers: Bonnie Winn, Gina Rus, Debby Rose, John Davis, Mark Mullen, Alan Budenz, Mary Lou Herschfeld, Rudy De May, Phil Fernandez, Steve North, and Elmer Tosta.

Pilots: Colin Gift, Dave Zovickian, John Pelka, Erik Von B., Jenny Muth, David Shutt, Gabe Scurlock, Tom Schatz, Chuck Perkins, Anna Ratlcovick, Barbara Byrnes, Jackie Merovich, Monica Towers, Meighan Leibert, Flicka McGurrin, Bob Danielson, Meg Reilly, Debbie Bispo, Susan Shipman, Tom Ferraro, Boris Rosenberg, Bill Picklehaupt, Ed DeCossio, Phil Kohlenberg, Phil Reiff, Al de la Pena, Ann Sasaki, Gary Ehrsam, Todd Oppenheimer, Chuck Vogt, Barry Christian, Rob Forbes, Eric Mellinger, Jim Fagan, Andy Camous, Jerry Cullen, Peter Brand, Jane Kreuger, and Peter Butler.

Twilight Gas House
August 22, 1997

1. Sean Kelly 17:30
2. Laura Burtch 17:33
3. Steve Schatz 17:58
4. Marla McGowan 18:52
5. Jim Mason 19:09
6. Alan Budenz 19:12
7. Jeff Deren 19:14
8. John Pelka 19:41
9. George Kebbe 19:50
10. Elmer Tosta 19:55
11. Margaret Keenan 20:09
12. Todd Oppenheimer 20:30
13. Peter McLaughlin 20:37
14. Erik Von B 20:54
15. David Shutt 21:02
16. Michael O'Conner 21:12
17. Barbara Byrnes 21:18
18. Diane Sosnoski 21:30
19. Tom Kuglen 21:43
20. Bob Blum 21:55
21. Megan Sullivan 22:03
22. Rachel Havrelock 22:10
23. Krist Jake 22:22
24. Holly Welles 22:26
25. Eric Burke 22:31
26. Joe Ferraro 23:18
27. Bob Colyar 23:21
28. Anne Sasaki 23:31
29. Fred Johnson 23:39
30. Glynn Jones 23:49
31. Val Fagre 23:54
32. Anna Ratkovich 23:57
33. Ken Coren 23:57
34. Josh Burbank 24:01
35. Louise Bea 24:15
36. Barry Christian 24:25
37. MonÒica Towers 24:42
38. Jenny Muth 24:56
39. Chuck Perkins 24:56
40. Signe Copeland 24:58
41. Phil Fernandez 25:29
42. Steve Worthington 25:40
43. Jeff Ranta 24:48
44. Meighan Leibert 25:53
45. Sue Garfield 26:00
46. Dan McGill 26:25

47. John Hummer 26:42
48. Boris Rosenberg 26:55
49. Flicka McGurrin 27:08
50. Sid Hollister 27:32
51. Gail Grynbaum 27:36
52. Rusa Chui 27:55
53. Carlos Bea 27:55



Dolphins young and older congregate in the galley—Boomer and Steve

54. Dennis Williams 28:04
55. Kevin Hartnett 30:12
56. Debbie Rose 30:26
57. Mary Lou Herschfeld . 30:55
58. Peter Butler 31:30
59. Pavla Podolska 34:45
60. Paul McHugh 39:00

Helpers: James Mason, Todd Oppenheimer, Steve Schatz, Mimi Osborne, Suzie Dods, Roger Kleid, Rey Hassen, Nick Blum, Noel Turner, Beth Maher, George Kebbe, David Rich, Joe Ferraro, David Zovickian, Laura Burtch, Sean Kelly, and Bob Colyar.

Pilots: Tom Schatz, John Selmer, Nancy Freidman, Neil Hartnett, Jackie Merovich, Tom Dugan, David Zovickian, Jim Fagan, Tina Scott, Colin Gift, Bob Fewster, Susan Allen, Mark Deadder, Al de la Pena, Gary Ehrsam, and Tony DuComb.

Twilight Pier 43 1/2
September 12, 1997

1. Heather Royer 16:51
2. Erik Colberg 19:00
3. Allen Budenz 19:27
4. Marla McGowan 19:29
5. Bob Kaufman 19:42
6. Pam Derks 20:24
7. Suzie Dods 21:03
8. John Pelka 21:25
9. Eric Von Blankenberg 21:26
10. Margaret Keenan 21:30
11. Mark Deadder 21:33
12. Joe Illick 21:48
13. David Rich 21:53
14. Barbara Byrnes 22:01
15. Vince Huang 22:13
16. Tom Kuglen 22:39
17. Tom Ferrero 23:54
18. Bob Colyar 23:58
19. Beth Maher 24:03
20. Anne Sasaki 25:14
21. George Gara 25:34
22. Deanne Bianucci 25:40
23. Tom Dugan 25:43§
24. Monica Towers 25:47
25. Jackie Merovich 26:04
26. Mark Mullen 26:23
27. Jenny Muth 26:34
28. Barry Christian 26:35
29. Phil Fernandez 26:59
30. Chuck Perkins 27:15
31. Louise Bea 27:21
32. Meighan Leibert 27:25
33. Wendy Kress 27:32
34. Boris Rosenberg 29:26
35. Carlos Bea 29:34
36. Flicka McGurrin 29:49
37. Sid Hollister 30:54
38. Nick Strelchuk 31:05
39. Kevin Hartnett 32:15
40. Debby Rose 32:22
41. Mary Lou Herschfeld . 32:39
42. Peter Butler 35:37
43. Sarah McCuskey 36:10
44. Don Reid 37:07

Helpers: Wendy Kress, Diane Sosnoski , Signe Copeland, Elmer Tosta, Steve North, Nancy Hornor, John Hornor, Bob Colyar, Tom Allen, Dave Copeland, Deanne Biannuci, and Jennifer Finlay.

Pilots: David Shutt, Joshua Burbank, Tom Hofmann, Susan Allen, Nancy Friedman, Colin Gift, Cathy Huang, Linda Stanley, Neil Hartnett, Dennis Williams, Jim Fagan, Bob Allen, Diane Abele, Pete Bianucci, Dan McGill, Al de la Pena, Mat Sheridan, Gary Ehrsam, Ken Coren, and Aero Greeb.

Alcatraz
September 21, 1997

1. Suzanne Heim 30:28
2. Heather Royer 30:53
3. Laura Burtch 33.58
4. Steve Schatz 36:32
5. Tom Schatz 36:32
6. Marla McGowan 36:54
7. Alan Budenz 38:19
8. Anne Morey 39:09
9. John Pelka 40:38
10. Erik Von Blankenburg 40:39
11. Margaret Keenan 40:44
12. Todd Oppenheimer 41:16
13. Elmer Tosta 41:26
14. Peter McLaughlin 41:37
15. Suzie Dods 41:45
16. Phil Rollins 41:55
17. C. V. Blankenburg 42:26
18. Larry Scroggins 42:32
19. Vincent Huang 42:52
20. Mark Deadder 43:00
21. Diane Sosnoski 43:05
22. Bonnie Winn 43:09
23. Paolo Marchesi 43:43
24. David Shutt 43:51
25. Megan Sullivan 45:00
26. Bob Blum 46:54
27. Dan Osborne 46:57
28. Joe Illick 47:28
29. Tom Ferraro 27:44
30. Peter Urrea 48:21
31. Fred Johnson 48:38
32. Jennifer Lamers 48:52
33. Tom Kuglen 49:04
34. Eric Schackleford 49:43
35. Val Fagre 50:51
36. Pete Neubauer 51:52
37. Deanne Bianucci 51:55
38. Lee Hammack 52:05
39. George Gara 52:18
40. Joe Ferraro 52:24
41. Signe Copeland 52:49
42. Anne Sasaki 52:52
43. Josh Burbank 53:00
44. Tom Dugan 53:20
45. Pam Stillwagon 53:30
46. Mat Sheridan 53:31
47. Ken Coren 53:58
48. Jenny Muth 53:59
49. Susan Cobb 54:23
50. Jackie Merovich 54:27
51. Chuck Perkins 54:33
52. Roger Klied 55:36



Moon takes the shortest of moments from cleaning up to pose with a fellow Dolphin

53. Mark Mullen 55:53
54. Sue Garfield 56:34
55. Wendy Kress 56:40
56. Jerry Cullen 58:52
57. Boris Rosenberg 59:55
58. Jim Grant 62:08
59. Chuck Vogt 63:25
60. Susan Lauritzen 64:03

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61. Meighan Liebert 64:28
62. Nick Strelchuk 65:57
63. Will Powning 66:15
64. Debbie Rose 69:04
65. John Hummer 71:06
66. F. Cervantes 72:20
67. Sarah McCuskey 75:15
68. Pavla Podolska 83:54

Helpers: Pavla Podolska, Becky Fenson, Mimi Osborne, Beth Maher, Paul Wolf, Michael O'Connor, Anna Henry, Nick Blum, Dan McGill, Neal Fishman, Sarah McCuskey, and Mick Lavelle.

Pilots: John Selmer, Sunny McKee, Mark McKee, Tom Hofmann, Sean Hartnett, Neil Hartnett, Susan Allen, Carolyn Hyland, Tina Scott, Steve Worthington, Bob Fewster, Marcia Grimm, Mary Sancimino, Celeste McMullin, Phil Fernandez, Susie Silk, Cathy Huang, Rachel Havrelock, Mark Lubiszewski, Colin Gift, Steve Latham, Monica Towers, Bob Danielson, Eric Burke, Joe Cowan, Ken Frank, Peter Butler, Barry Christian, Andy Camous, Tim Murphy, Van Hart, Ann Mead, George Robin, Bob Kaufman, Pete Bianucci, Al de la Pena, Paul Cummings, Dave Kennedy, Bill Picklehaupt, Mark Richard, Gary Ehrsam, Peter Brand, Neil Synderman, Meg Reilly, Dan Lowe, Nancy Friedman, Nancy Hornor, and David Zovickian.

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Cindy Ehrlich at the 20th anniversary celebration

Special thanks to the test swimmers:Gina Rus, David Zovickian, Nancy Friedman, and Mike Webb And a special thanks to the test pilots: AL de la Peña, Pete Bianucci, Matt Sheridan, Don Harrison, Pam Stillwagon, and David Zovickian.

Handicap Cove
October 5, 1997

1. Carlos Bea 27:39
2. Sue Garfield 29:42
3. Nancy Hornor 30:31
4. Mary Lou Herschfeld . 30:57
5. Debby Rose 31:05
6. Mimi Osborne 31:20
7. John Lennox 31:54
8. Kevin Hartnett 32:07
9. Paul Wolf 32:17
10. Dan Osborne 32:25
11. Krist Jake 32:46
12. Louise Bea 32:50
13. David Rich 32:55
14. Dave Copeland 33:05
15. Peter McLaughlin 33:10
16. Boris Rosenberg 33:20
17. Neil Powers 33:52
18. Joe Illick 33:53
19. Walt Schneebeli 34:03
20. David Broadbear 34:05
21. Bob Blum 34:33
22. Bob Fewster 34:45
23. Sid Holliste#r 34:46
24. Tom Kuglen 35:02
25. Laura Burtch 35:07
26. David Zovickian 35:08
27. Megan Sullivan 35:11
28. Susan Cobb 35:12
29. Tina Scott 35:17
30. Ed Urban 35:18
31. John Hornor 35:32
32. Don Reid 35:40
33. Peter Butler 39:45
34. Anne Sasaki 40:06

Helpers: Candace Kelly, Joe Illick, David Zovickian, Anthony DuComb, Nick Blum, Lorna Newlin, Pam Derks, Pete Bianucci, Rey Hassen, Sid Hollister, Paul Wolf, and John Lennox.

Pilots: Margaret Keenan, John Selmer, Ann Morey, Susan Allen, John Mervin, Don Harrison, Ned Hoffman, Andy Camous, Jim Fagan, and Bill Picklehaupt.

Joe Bruno
Golden Gate -*Fast*
October 11, 1997

1. Suzanne Heim 18:44
2. Heather Royer 19:54
3. Laura Burtch 21:39
4. John Selmer 21:41
5. Marla McGowan 24:31
6. Tom Schatz 24:40
7. Erik Von Blankenburg 25:22
8. John Lennox 25:27
9. Paul Wolf 25:28
10. Candace Kelly 25:31
11. Ann Morey 25:35
12. Alan Budenz 25:51
13. John Pelka 25:52
14. Mark Deadder 25:55
15. Megan Sullivan 26:22
16. Mark McKee 26:29
17. Laura Merkl 26:36
18. Peter Drino 26:47
19. Bob Blum 26:54
20. Peter McLaughlin 27:02
21. Margaret Keenan 27:28
22. Mickey LaVelle 27:32
23. Pam Derks 27:36
24. Peter Urrea 27:51
25. Paolo Marchesi 27:52
26. Eric Burke 28:27
27. Tom Ferraro 28:29
28. David Shutt 28:37
29. Steve Schatz 28:45
30. Joe Illick 28:51
31. Sunny McKee 28:59
32. C. Von Blankenburg ... 29:03
33. Barbara Byrnes 29:54
34. Larry Scroggins 29:27
35. Pat McGarvey 29:40
36. Diane Sosnoski 30:19
37. Dan Osborne 30:23
38. Tom Hofmann 30:50
39. Bob Fewster 31:05
40. Tom Kuglen 31:23
41. Susan Allen 32:32
42. Joe Ferraro 32:00
43. Gina Rus 33:12
44. Jennifer Lamers 34:27
45. Ed Urban 35:19
46. Jenny Muth 35:44
47. Vincent Huang 39:16
48. Conrad Liberty 41:31

Helpers: Susan Cobb, Anthony DuComb, Kate Coleman, Mimi Osborne, Lorna Newlin, Lindsay Casablanca, Gail Grybaum, Candace Kelly, Dahlia Kamesar, Nick Blum, Joe Ferraro, Beth Maher, and Cecco.



Some of the brave women at the 20th anniversary celebration

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Pilots: Heidi Schriefer, Meg Reilly, Bob Danielson, Jackie Merovich, Chuck Perkins, Mark Lubiszewski, Susan Lauritzen, Cathy Huang, Pam Stillwagon, Nancy Hornor, Roger Hansen, Rich Cooper, Nick Strelchuk, Jim Fagan, Bob Sullivan, Phil Kohlenberg, Gabe Scurlock, Todd Oppenheimer, Dan McGill, Peter Darlington, Louise Bea, John Mervin, Gary Ehrsam, Ken Coren, Barry Christian, Kevin Hartnett, Davie Zovickian, Phil Fernandez, Don Harrison, Flicka McGurrin, Colin Gift, Suzanne Friedrickson, Andy Camous, Ned Hoffman, Sam Lawson, Kelly Flynn, Nancy Hayes, and Eric Mellinger.

Joe Bruno
Golden Gate - *Slow*
October 12, 1997

1. Bob Kaufman 31:15
2. Peter Darlington 34:50
3. Beth Maher 38:58
4. Eric Schackleford 39:27
5. Krist Jake 39:37
6. Neal Powers 40:02
7. Pete Neubauer 42:17
8. Val Fagre 42:18
9. John Hornor 42:27
10. Lee Hammack 42:52
11. Barry Christian 42:57

12. Deanne Bianucci 42:59
13. George Gara 43:07
14. Jackie Merovich 43:48
15. Tony DuComb 43:56
16. Pam Stillwagon 44:13
17. Susan Cobb 44:19
18. Chuck Perkins 44:26
19. Ken Coren 45:05
20. Nancy Hornor 46:10
21. Jerry Cullen 47:16
22. Lorna Newlin 48:22
23. Mark Lubiszewski 49:37
24. Susan Lauritzen 51:48
25. Roger Kleid 52:07
26. Rey Hassen 58:49
27. Louise Bea 59:12
28. Will Powning 59:51
29. Pat Howard 60:53
30. Peter Butler 61:21
31. Chuck Vogt 61:34
32. Boris Rosenberg 63:05
33. Gayle Grynbaum 63:05
34. Dahlia Kamesar 64:47
35. Rusa Chiu 66:20
36. Nick Strelchuk 66:36
37. Sid Hollister 66:46
38. John Hummer 66:55
39. Debbie Rose 67:18
40. Kevin Hartnett 67:21
41. Pavla Podolska 70:49
42. Francesca Cervantes ... 72:54
43. Dan McGill 73:33
44. Walt Scneebeli 83:56

Helpers: Laura Merkl, Lorna Newlin, Era Osibe, Nick Blum, Megan Sullivan, Eric Burke, Candace Kelly, Laura Burtch, Pavla Podolska, Vince Huang, John Davis, Joe Bruno, Cecco, Mimi Osborne, Phil Fernandez, Bob Blum, and Megan Sullivan.

Pilots: John Selmer, Bob Fewster, Jenny Muth, Eric Von Blankenburg, Paul Cummings, Alan Budenz, John Pelka, Barbara Byrnes, Peter Urrea, Margaret Keenan, Phil Fernandez, David Zovickian, John Lennox, Jennifer Lamers, Don Harrison, Nancy Freidman, Susan Allen, Meg Reilly, Larry Scroggins, Bob Danielson, Jane Krueger, Bob Blum, Andy Camous, Dan Osborne, Jim Fagan, Kelly Flynn, David Broadbear, George Robin, Al de la Pena, Jon Nakamura, Phil Kohlenberg, and Gary Ehrsam.

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100 Mile Swim

1. Peter Urrea 407
2. Heather Royer 263
3. Laura Burtch 200
4. Peter McLaughlin 133.5
5. Larry Scroggins 115.5
6. Joe Illick 115
7. Mark McKee 114.5
8. Sunny McKee 114
9. Bob Blum 112
10. Tony DuComb 112
11. Krist Jake 111.5
12. Margaret Keenan 108
13. Vince Huang 106
14. Phil Rollins 105
15. Mimi Osborne 103.5
16. Pavla Podolska 101
17. Susan Cobb 100.5
18. Dan Osborne 100+
19. Suzie Dods 100
20. Glynn Jones 100
21. Alan Budenz 100
22. Val Fagre 100
23. J.P. Mervin 100
24. John Dugan 100
25. Anthony DuComb 100

Thanksgiving Day Cove
November 27, 1997

1. Heather Royer 22:10
2. Steve Schatz 23:55
3. Peter Drino 24:56
4. Candice Kelly 25:00
5. Chris Kelly 25:12
6. John Lennox 25:48
7. Marla McGowan 25:53
8. George Kebbe 25:57
9. John Davies 26:03
10. Jeff Darin 26:20
11. Cathy Huang 26:27
12. Phil Rollins 27:15
13. Anne Morey 27:37
14. Suzie Dods 28:20
15. Peter McLaughlin 28:29
16. Todd Oppenheimer 29:13
17. Margaret Keenan 29:25
18. David Rich 29:56
19. Vince Huang 30:26
20. Peter Urrea 30:41
21. Megan Sullivan 30:55
22. Bob Blum 31:50
23. Joe Illick 31:54
24. Bonnie Winn 32:25
25. Susan Allen 32:46
26. Peter Neubauer 32:50
27. Jennifer Lamers 33:29
28. Dan Osborne 33:30
29. Tom Kuglen 33:51
30. Nancy Friedman 33:58
31. Gina Rus 34:00
32. Joe Ferrero 34:12
33. Jon Hornor 36:06
34. Susan Cobb 34:47
35. Tony DuComb 34:50
36. Nancy Hornor 36:06
37. Wendy Kress 36:12
38. Will Powning 42:53
39. Mary Cantini-Norkin 47:40

Short Course

1. Mike O'Connor 16:30
2. Lisa Smith 17:05
3. Kate Coleman 19:15
4. Robbin Rome 19:26
5. Holly Wells 19:31
6. Lee Hammack 19:56
7. Ken Coren 20:20
8. Deanne Bianucci 20:22
9. Monica Towers 20:48
10. Craig LaRoach 20:51
11. Colin Gift 21:10
12. Susan Anson 21:25
13. James Vanya 22:15
14. Phil Fernandez 22:36
15. Aaron Gershenberg 22:37
16. Larry Wisch 23:24
17. Louise Bea 26:37
18. Era Osibe 27:15
19. Mimi Osborne 27:48
20. John Hummer 28:00
21. Bob McKenzie 30:09
22. Sarah McCusky 30:50

Helpers & Pilots: Tom McNichols, Val Fagre, Nick Blum, Bill Powning, Tom Ferraro, Matthew Sheridan, Don Harrison, Jim Fagan, Gary Ersham, Bill Picklehaupt, and Paul Cummings.

New Year's Day Cove
January 1, 1998

Long Course

1. Alan Budenz 21.52
2. Dave Zovickian 22.39
3. Joe Illick 23.54
4. Conrad von Blank 24.31
5. Mark O'Hara 26.25
6. Rich Antonchuk 26.41
7. Lee Hammack 27.14
8. Tina Scott 27.15
9. Robin Rome 27.17
10. Sile Convery 27.37
11. Rich Livingston 27.38
12. Jackie Merovich 27.55
13. Nancy Friedman 28.18
14. Chuck Perkins 29.58
15. Sue Garfield 33.14
16. Greg La Roche 34.05
17. Rocky Musen 36.33
18. Chuck Vogt 39.10
19. Don Reid 44.15

Short Course

1. Diane Schatz 14.40
2. Jenny von Blank 17.25
3. Tom Kernan 17.27
4. Era Osibe 20.20
5. Nick Strelchuk 20.42
6. Ann Mead 23.41

A Special thanks to the Dolphins who donated gifts for ***the 1997 Pilot Swimmer Appreciatetion Dinner:***

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The Sancimino Family
Mark & Sunny McKee
Susan Cobb
Leslie Callan
Kelly Flynn
Laura Burtch
The Huang Family
Linda Stanley
Cathy Huang

7. Steve North 25.42

Pilots: Ed Urban, Mary Cantini, Susan Allen, Ruben Hechanova, Jim Fagan

Helpers: Krist Jake, Roger Hansen, Louise Bea, Lorna Newlin, Susan Cobb, Anthony DuComb, Suzie Dods, Pete Bianucci, Lindsey Casablanca, Margaret Keenan, and Kayla.

Dolphin/South End
Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon
Sunday, October 26, 1997

Individual Results

Name		Club	Swim	Bike	Run	Total
1.	Mason Flinn	DC	49	50	2:07	3:46:56
2.	Eric Burke	DC	43	52	2:32	4:07:56
3.	Allen Calder	DC	38	46	2:52	4:16:18
4.	Mark McKee	DC	41	59	2:43	4:23:07
5.	Margaret Keenan	DC	38	52	2:54	4:24:16
6.	Tony DuComb	DC	47	58	2:40	4:25:54
7.	Rory Moore	SE	50	57	2:39	4:26:59
8.	Keith Nowell	SE	47	58	3:08	4:53:01
9.	Ken Coren	DC	51	1:02	3:07	5:00:40
10.	Andy Field	SE	40	56	3:30	5:06:28
11.	Tom Callinan	DC	47	55	3:30	5:12:15
12.	Krist Jake	DC	41	1:06	3:34	5:21:10
13.	David Blende	SE	47	1:04	3:33	5:24:21
14.	Sunny McKee	DC	43	1:01	3:42	5:26:32
15.	Gary Emich	SE	39	1:01	3:50	5:30:01
16.	Debra Bispo	DC	44	1:27	3:27	5:38:49
17.	Julie Marcus	DC	50	1:14	3:30	5:43:20
18.	Jon Nakamura	DC	37	58	4:07	5:42:20
19.	Judy Shaffer	SE	59	1:14	3:30	5:43:20
20.	Tom Linthcum	SE	47	1:16	3:46	5:49:23
21.	Judy Irving	SE	51	1:09	3:50	5:50:35
22.	Gina Rus	DC	46	1:08	4:00	5:54:49
23.	Gary Ersham	DC	1:09	1:05	4:09	6:23:35
24.	Mary C. - Norkin	DC	58	1:14	4:30	6:42:30
25.	Lorna Newlin	DC	50	1:20	4:42	6:52:20
26.	Kate Doyle	SE	60	1:20	4:40	6:54:45
27.	Patrizio Tomada	SE	NTR	NTR	3:28	5:41:05
28.	Peter Butler	DC	1:05	1:05	NTR	DNF
29.	Lisa Smith	DC	46	NTR	NTR	DNF

Relays

Name		Club	Swim	Bike	Run	Total
1.	Pam Stillwagon	DC	48			
	Theresa Ouano			44		
	Ben Owen				2:13	3:45:25
2.	Anna Ratkovich	DC	45			
	Gabe Scurlock			39	2:52	4:16:10
3.	Laura Burtch	DC	33			
	Stephanie Weller			45		
	Marty Mattox				3:03	4:21:02
4.	Eric V. Blankenberg	DC	36	49		
	Jenny Muth				2:59	4:24:46
5.	John Mervin	DC	42	57		
	Eric Mellinger				2:52	
6.	Candice Kelly	DC	35	51		
	Margaret Curtis				3:06	4:32:55
7.	Hal Kranston	DC	53			
	Steve Hagler			51		
	Julie Winter				3:20	5:04:56
8.	Alan Budenz	DC	35			
	Tina Scott			1:06		
	Tina/Alan				3:53	5:34:12
9.	Joe Illick	DC	43			
	Bob Allen			1:03	4:03	5:49:05
10.	Don Reid	DC	NTR			
	David Broadbear			1:39		
	Chuck Vogt				4:03	5:42:20

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and careful creation of new ones, strengthens the fabric of the Dolphin community.

If you are a Dolphin, you are a volunteer. Membership dues of about a dollar a day keep the roof over our heads, and the water, utility, insurance, and rent bills paid. We use what's left of your dollar on day-to-day operations and programs. Your dollar pays for cleaning supplies, postage stamps, this *Log*, the pay phone, membership billing, bookkeeping services, and a myriad of other things. Your dollar keeps our fleet in working order. Your dollar, plus the annual swim dues, pay for ferry boats, permit fees and other costs associated with our swim program. The income and expense statements posted in the Club provide the details on where your dollar goes.

That dollar sure goes a long way, but not nearly far enough. Our collective dollars couldn't possibly pay for all the activities occurring each year at the Dolphin Club. A balance sheet that's not so obvious or easy to post is the real economic value of your volunteerism. Imagine if we had to pay 20 people to pilot 60 swimmers on the 25 or more swims we hold each year. What if all the helpers required for the Escape From Alcatraz charged for the full day of services most provide? If ten Tuesday night boat builder volunteers didn't show up one week, could we afford the replacement cost of the 40 labor hours they would have supplied? If the cooks, servers and clean up crew for the Old Timers Dinner were a catering service, what would dinner for 200 cost? If the countless odd jobs that members do for the Club had to be hired out, how much would go undone? If the Club officers were paid the going rate for their duties... you get the point.

The irreplaceable dues you pay in the form of volunteerism provide the heartbeat of the Dolphin Club. I hope that the dominant theme for 1998 will be to monitor and improve our vital signs. As a member, take your own pulse. How are you doing as a Dolphin volunteer? If you need a role model, look around you. If you are a role model, see if you can introduce another to the rewards of volunteering.

WHAT DID YOU CLEAN TODAY?

When 920 people use the rest room, it's bound to get dirty. Starting last January, your $1 a month dues increase was applied to retain twice a week professional cleaning services. The goal is to reduce the dirt factor to manageable levels. However, this does not change the Dolphin Club wilderness theory of cleanliness: "Leave it cleaner than you found it."

The cleaning service does not touch the kitchen. In the tradition of our beloved Galley Captain, Cecco, let your inner voice remind you to clean what you dirty—and at least one other thing that you did not dirty. Likewise, any event involving the kitchen is not over until tables are put away, boats are back in the boathouse, the kitchen is clean and dishes are dried and put away. There's no such thing as too big a clean up crew!

ANNIVERSARIES

The Dolphin Club was established in 1877 and incorporated in 1888. 1977 was a watershed year which brought a number of women members to the club. Many of these women are active and valuable members today. Each passing year marks an anniversary of these important bench marks. 1998 is as good a year as any to celebrate these notable events.

LEASE UPDATE

I'm not the only one interested in the answer to this question. More than 20 years after women began to join the Club in numbers, our landlord, City Recreation & Parks Department, is curious to know who we are.

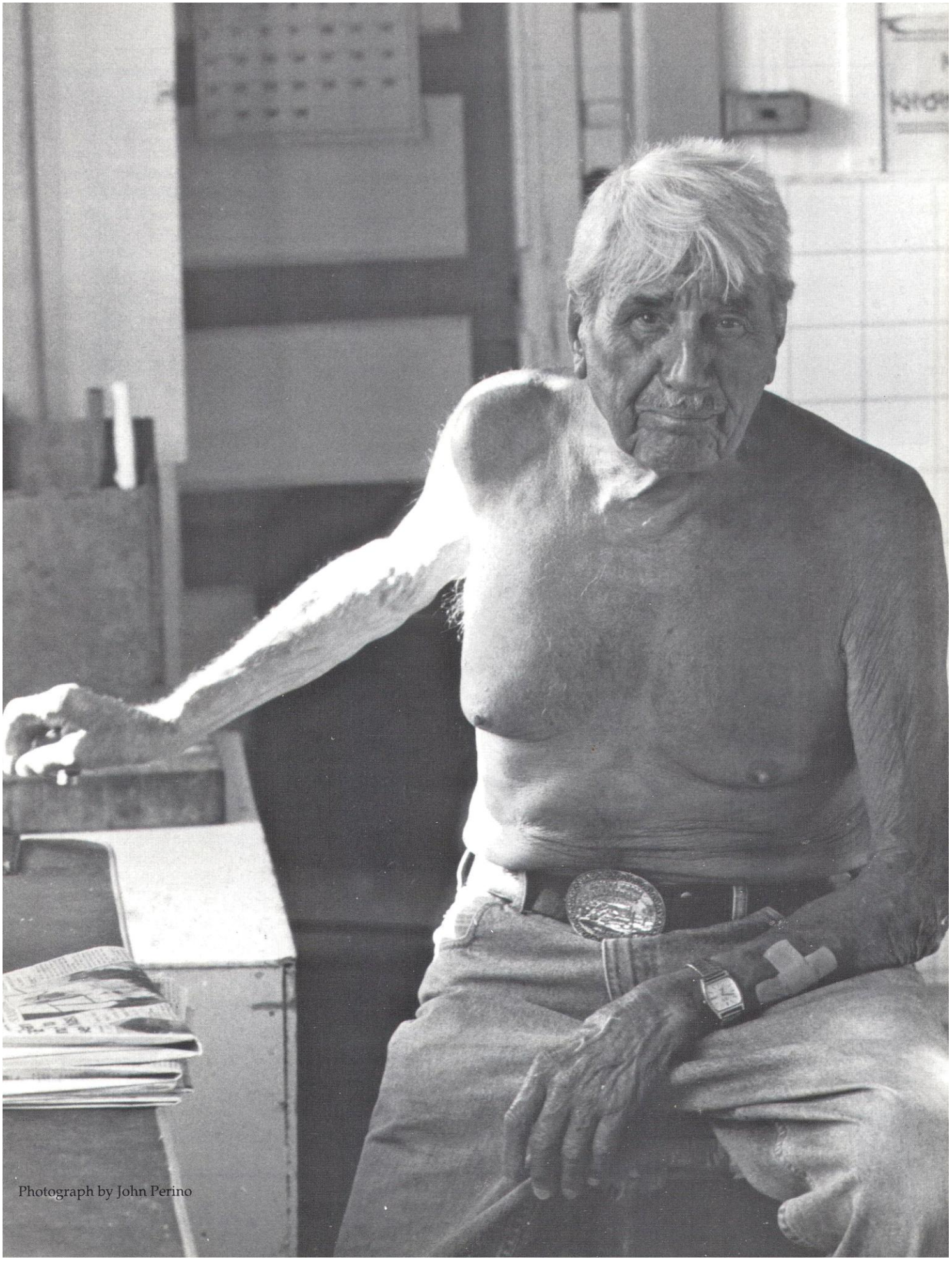
Why does the landlord care? There are many reasons. Put simply, the State of California requires that the public have access to the land on which the Dolphin and South End Clubs sit. A closed door membership policy is fundamentally inconsistent with this public access mandate. In the course of extending the Club lease for 24 years, the City has asked for data on the age, gender and racial make up of Dolphins. The theory is that a truly open membership will be reflected in our members. From a subjective viewpoint, I know that I have never met a more eclectic crowd of folks. It will be interesting to see what objective data shows. In any case, we know that we are proud of who we are.

WATER QUALITY

The future of Aquatic Park as a water contact recreation area depends entirely on the water quality in the cove. I see decline in water quality as the biggest risk to the existence of the Dolphin Club. The law requires that polluted beaches be posted and closed. We cannot afford to let that be the future of Aquatic Park. There are many factors that affect cove water quality. Of particular concern are existing activities in Fisherman's Wharf harbor and a proposed berthing system for 60 commercial fishing vessels directly east of Hyde Street Pier. Both the Dolphin and South End clubs are engaged in ongoing discussions with the Port of San Francisco, which owns and manages this area.

Our collective voices on the topic of water quality do speak loudly, but only as much as *you* decide to. Please take the time to read and sign water quality related postings on the Club bulletin board. Record your observations of bad water quality in the water quality log book by the front door. Member volunteers have begun peri-

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News and Notes for the Dolphin Club Membership



New feathered friends at the Club

Avian Family

We have guests above the Hoffman arms. Rich Cooper and Mary Cantini-Norkin are in charge of security for the new arrivals, born on or around Flag Day. The two baby gulls appear in good health, prepared for the training they will need to dodge addled humans on their way into the brine.

"Then and Now"

This issue contains a special photo collage titled: *Then and Now*, found on page 10 and 11. See if you can match the childhood photos of Dolphin members with the ones from today. The answers are on page 17.

The Club's Future

Some members may be aware that the Club has been working with the Friends of Recreation and Parks, a non-profit that helps direct private philanthropy in support of San Francisco's Recreation and Parks Department facilities. Since the Dolphin Club building, boathouse and pier belong to City's Recreation and Parks, the Friends of Rec & Park advise that they can set up a trust fund to receive tax deductible donations from Dolphin Donors. Dolphin Donors would specify that funds are to be applied to clubhouse upgrades that are approved by the Club's Board of Governors and by the Recreation and Parks Department.

This is terrific news! Once the trust fund is established, we will be providing members with details. Wow, a chance to make a charitable donation that benefits Bay swimming and rowing! Details to follow.

Dolphins in Cyberspace

The Dolphin Club has a new home on the Internet: www.dolphinclub.org. The site provides a virtual tour of the club and its activities, and is designed to be used by prospective members, media representatives, and the public at large. It includes a swim calendar and links to a number of other organizations on the Web, including Rowers' Resource and U.S. Masters Swimming.

Member Susanne Friedrich designed and programmed the site (check out the computer-colorization of the photos!). Thanks to Walt Schneebeli for contributing historical photos and to Susan Lauritzen for contemporary photos of club activities. Nancy Friedman is "webmeister"; send e-mail to nancyf@dnai.com.

Dolphin Club Escpape From Alcatrz Triathlon Sunday, October 25, 1998

Plans are well under way for this year's "Escape." The event is open to any member of either the Dolphin or South End Clubs. You need to be a member, of either club, for six months to do the swim portion. Now is the time of year to start training. Think about doing a relay if you don't want to do the whole thing. We need pilots and helpers too. Everyone will have a great day followed by an awards din-

Photographs by Mark L. O'Hara



Dynamic Duo: Hal and Hugo before their capped crusade

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ner at the club. See Pete Bianucci for any questions.

Dolphin Families

In the coming months, the summer will bring out lots of Dolphin babies. Don't forget to ask the Dolphin parent if he or she needs help with beach-babysitting, so they can take a much-appreciated swim. Check out the back cover too!

—Aunt Anne

First Woman to Swim the Gate Film

Saturday, August 8, Bill Pickelhaupt will have a showing of the film of the first women to swim the Golden Gate. Hazel Lagenour (Dolphin Club member Mark Richard's grandmother) accomplished this feet in 1911. The site for this presentation will be the South End Rowing Club about 1:30 p.m. and Mark will be present to answer questions.

Dolphins on Bay Area Back Roads

Try to catch Channel 4's (KRON) Bay Area Back Roads on Sunday, July 12, 1998 at 6 p.m. A segment of this episode will showcase the Dolphin and South End Clubs and Aquatic Park lagoon. Check it out.

Dolphin Club Fund

Into spreading the gospel of swimming as a way to improve the individual and the community? Put your money where your mouth is—give to the Dolphin Club Fund. The response from the recent request in the *Log* was great, but more is needed. This year we've already helped many underprivileged youths take up swimming. Join many other like-minded Dolphins and contribute what you can.

Yoga

Yoga classes are taught each week by Annette Murphy. Classes are held in the handball court and beginners are always welcome. Be on time with bare feet and an empty stomach:



Photograph by Tina Scott

Theresa and Ben with best table in the house

Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
& 8:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Fridays: 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Cost: $9 drop in, or $8 for series

Rowing Training

Rowing training is available for all members of the club. Generally held the third weekend of every month, interested members must formally sign-up ahead of time on the sheets posted near the front entrance. The following are the remaining dates for training.:
July 18 & 19, August 22 & 23
September 19 & 20, October 24 & 25
November 21 & 22, December 19 & 20

From the Editors

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of the *Dolphin Log* is September 1, 1998. Feel free to contribute a story, ideas, photos, drawings, sketches, cartoons or archives that you think would be of interest to Dolphins. Leave your material in our box in the Staib Room, mail it to the Dolphin Club care of the editors, or approach us in person.

Feature

By Walt Schneebeli

Fifty Years Ago— The Keenan Room Was Born



Check Presentation, left to right:Treasurer Jim Cronin, Herb Derham, Joseph B. Keenan, President Clement "Duke" Dupuis, Bill Giovannoni Sr., Boatbuilder Bill Richards, and Dino Landucci, Sr.

Shortly after World War II, the members of the Dolphin Club decided that a dining room and galley should be added to our building. Since our treasury at the time was rather undernourished, Club members volunteered to perform the work required.

Unfortunately, considerably more money was spent than had been allocated, resulting in the formation of two warring factions; the holders of the Club's purse strings, and the younger, enthusiastic volunteers.

Feelings ran high with no solution to the problem forthcoming. As the battle escalated older member Joe Keenan was seen to rise saying, "Boys, boys, the Dolphin spirit of one for all and all for one is in jeopardy. Tell me, how much money are we quarreling about?" Jimmy Cronin, guardian of the Dolphin treasury told Joe that $700 more than was estimated or allocated was spent.

"Gentlemen," said Joe, "money should not be permitted to cause dissension in our ranks. It will be my pleasure to donate the $700 and with your permission I will give you a check right now, with the consent of the Board."

After an embarrassed silence of the Dolphins who were present, President Clement "Duke" Dupuis arose and said, "A magnanimous offer has been made by our senior member, Joe Keenan. What is your pleasure?"

Joe Keenan's offer was gratefully accepted.

Joe Keenan was born in San Francisco on August 19, 1868, and joined the Dolphin Club on May 11, 1892. he died on August 30, 1958 at the age of 90. He was President of Musto-Keenan Marble Works in North Beach.



Joe Keenan Galley Dedication, April 13, 1948

By Tom R. Hoffman, Jr.

DOLPHIN TRIVIA *Test*

1. Where was the "Black Boat" anchored and what was unique about the water around the black boat, usually in the summer months?

2. What course was the "Coghlan Mile" and who was it named after? (Hint: He was the first swimmer to successfully swim solo across Lake Tahoe from Glenbrook, NV to Chambers Landing. Coghlan Beach off Marina Green is informally named after this South Ender.)

3. What cove landmark was known as "The Cluster" and where was it? What happened to it?

4. What and where is the "Goal Post"? Why is it so named?

5. What Dolphin Club member made the current "flag" and what did the previous flag consist of?

6. Who brought the "Eppleton Hall" to San Francisco from England? (Hint: He and his wife are still very involved in Masters Swimming.)

7. What was the original use of the Hyde Street Pier?

8. Who donated the trophy for the "Over 60 Swim"? (Hint: He and his wife are still very involved in Masters Swimming.)

9. What Sea Scout boat is named "The Dolphin" and what was it previously used for?

10. The "S.S. Wapama" is no longer anchored in the cove. What was its original use and where is it today?

11. Where is the "Jacuzzi"?

12. Who was the first female Swim Commissioner? (Hint: She is still a member.)

ANSWERS

1. The "Black Boat" (a double-or single-masted black hull Sea Scout open sailboat—identical to the red boat in the cove today) was always the furthest boat from the Club, which today would be anchored somewhere between the goal post and the "small" repair on the Muni pier. Often in the summer months there was a "cold spot" around the black boat that seemed to be an upwelling of colder water.

2. The Coghlan Mile was named after South Ender Frank Coghlan. The course was Club to opening, around all of the boats to the flag, back out to the black boat and straight to the Club. The course never varied, irrespective of tide.

3. "The Cluster" was a cluster of closely- driven piles used as a fender for a dock, which was located about 80% out on the cove side of the Hyde Street Pier. The swim mark "cluster" was removed when the Hyde Street Pier was shortened to accommodate the new breakwater construction in the late 80's.

4. The "Goal Post" or posts, currently consist(s) of three remaining pilings (the fourth one broke off and the base of it used to be visible on very low tides), located north of the Sea Scout facility, just at the beginning of the Municipal Pier. Most likely remains of a dock, the pilings resemble football goal posts.

5. Colin Gift built the current "flag". The former "flag" consisted of an old orange cork buoy with a flag stand erected on the top. It periodically ended washed up on shore in big winter storms.

6. Scott Newhall and a crew (including a young future Dolphin, John Kortum) brought The Eppleton Hall across 11,000 miles of the Atlantic from Newcastle-Upon-Tyne in England, through the Panama Canal and up the coast to San Francisco, where he donated the rare side wheeler to the SF Maritime Museum. The is the last of the side-lever paddle-wheel steam tugs.

7. The Hyde Street Pier was originally used as a ferry landing slip for passengers and autos traveling to Marin before the Golden Gate Bridge was completed.

8. The "Over 60 Cove" trophy was donated by Ray and Zada Taft, who, while no longer members of the Club, are very involved and accomplished Masters swimmers.

9. "The Dolphin" is the big white Sea Scout boat, which, when not tied up or anchored in the cove, is kept down near China Basin. It was used to ferry prisoners to and from Alcatraz prior to the prison's closing.

10. The "S.S. Wapama" used to be anchored where the Balclutha is now. It is one of the last remaining schooners that was used to transport lumber up and down the coast. Today, it is located on the Corp of Engineers pier in Sausalito, where it is undergoing renovation.

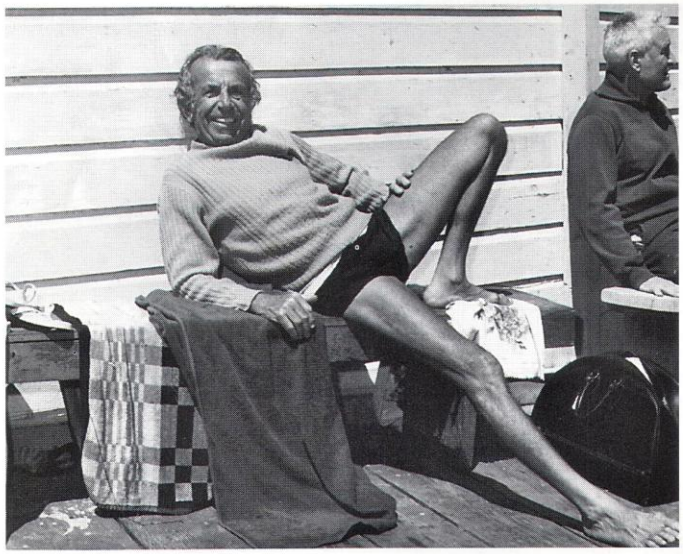
11. The "Jacuzzi" is the circular support and concrete pilings at the end of the new breakwater opposite the "round house" or at the end of the Municipal Pier, and is so named for the strong currents that flow through it.

12. The first female Swim Commissioner was Virginia (Ginny) Lutz (now Hoffman). Ginny served as co-commissioner with Jerry Cullen and Rudy DeMay.

LOU GALLIC | *A Dolphin Legend*

by Chris Kelley

Legend surrounds us at the Club—a single look at the walls in the Staib or Sancimino rooms confirm the stories members tell in the warm haven of the sauna or in the sunshine just outside the weight room. The stories told seem distant and fantastic, embellished by the storyteller to keep an audience more entertained, amused, or rapt. When it comes to the legend of Louis Gallic, however, the facts go beyond any poetic license a Dolphin tale teller could take.



The story begins not in the era of the comparatively bloodless political and social conflict of today, but in an era of submarine nets just outside the Golden Gate, regular blackout alerts and rationing. In Europe and Asia, genocide and a brutal struggle over the destiny of those who survived dominated. The degree of suffering is the same in any age, but the sheer scale of it in those times makes it singular.

A month and three days after D-Day (June 6, 1944), Allied forces were pushing the Germans back through the open fields, hedgerows and small towns of northeastern France. The Germans, though tired and desperate, were fighting a spirited rear-guard action. It was during this time that Gallic's legend began. The eldest corporal in his unit, he had landed in Normandy with fellow members of the 9th U.S. Army, 30th division, 120th regiment. Now moving into the St. Lo area, his unit continued to press forward. The combat report, by Major General L.S. Hobbs, follows:

"Technician Gallic, assigned to the headquarters of an infantry battalion, was acting as guide for the leading elements of his company's column during an advance. He had moved some distance ahead of the column when he was confronted by an enemy sentry. Technician Gallic immediately demanded the sentry's surrender, and upon his refusal, shot and wounded the German. After the column had moved ahead about fifty yards an enemy machine pistol opened fire from behind a fence and severely wounded Technician Gallic in both legs. At this point other enemy weapons opened fire and due to the intensity of the fire the column withdrew leaving Technician Gallic in a ditch alongside the road."

"Shortly afterwards some German troops came out of a nearby house and laid mines in the road between him and friendly territory, and in spite of being wounded, Technician Gallic closely observed this procedure. Suddenly one of the enemy soldiers detected that he was still alive and brutally fired two shots at him point blank, hitting him in the neck. When the Germans had moved farther down the road, Technician Gallic painfully pulled himself to the top of a hedgerow and dropped over into an adjacent field. Eluding pursuit, he proceeded through enemy groups of soldiers through three fields and contacted friendly units. Although his wounds were becoming more painful, he refused to be evacuated until he had given complete information regarding the activities of the enemy."

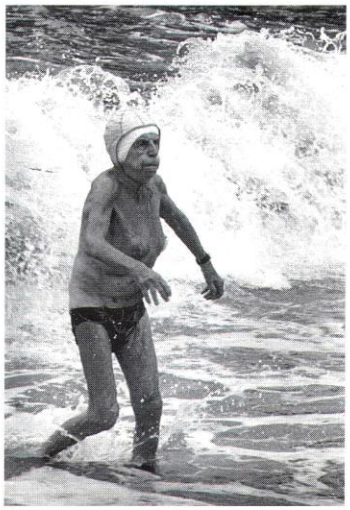
Quiet and unassuming when asked about his combat experiences, he shrugged off his actions of July 9, 1944: "I did the same as anyone would have in that situation." The actions Gallic took upon his return home would need similar understatement.

Flown back to England immediately after his heroism in France, he was sent to a specialized hospital in Washington, D.C. Most of the senior physicians there recommended that Lou's most severly wounded leg be amputated, but a young doctor from Colorado saved the leg and oversaw

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Unknown
By Jason Gallic

Many a jigsaw represented less of
an enigma than my Grandfather.
Trapped within the confines of his mind,
shying blissfully away from those who needed to know,
smiling away the questions ...
the responsibilities.
Revealing only by his choice.



Oh, he charmed many
behind the curvaceous flow of those
distinctive jowls.
But the few that knew him were not deceived.
The sugar-coated struggle of an
unspoken history raging within.
Imbedded bullets the plot twists in the story
of a private man
unwilling to provide those who cared
with any peace of mind.

The unwavering emotions of history's future
the casualties of a calculated ignorance.
Eternal questions of a son
stretching deep into the heart of France;
inquiries into a man's soul
forced into submission by a deeper need to survive—
And survive he did.

So, then, did this man of the Bay,
a polar legend, provide a mastery of know-how with children,
of seemingly unapparent wit?
Or perhaps stricken with the inability
to parent in typical fashion?
The questions are unanswered.

The fire lit for financial dominance blazing,
it was an influence at one time absent from his life
finally providing a settling of his perpetually rotating psyche.
Japan's finest import, the committed soul
of survival held his heart until God took over.
As strong as she was serene, as courteous as she was independent,
it was Mineko, the blood in his thinning veins for the past 27 years,
who extracted a man from the safety of his shield.
And so reflection must also include reverence
for a human being willing
to teach a man already aged 70,
already committed to a life,
already a legend.

Yet life speaks, certain to have the last work,
leaving this man after 94 years.
A Gallic indeed, who much like the Dolphin he had come to define,
roamed free and defied the odds,
an enigmatic silent warrior.

Lou Gallic

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Lou's recovery. Lou was then decorated with the Silver Star, several other citations, and was honorably discharged from the Army. The hero briefly returned to St. Lo area as an official for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.



Dolphin Legends: Lou, Mineko, and Cecco

He then returned to New York, where he met his first wife, Dorothy. Looking through the newspapers of different cities for career opportunities, he noted that the Los Angeles Times was the thickest. Concluding that such a volume of information meant there was more career potential there, he and Dorothy journeyed to the City of Angels. His theory proved not far from the truth.

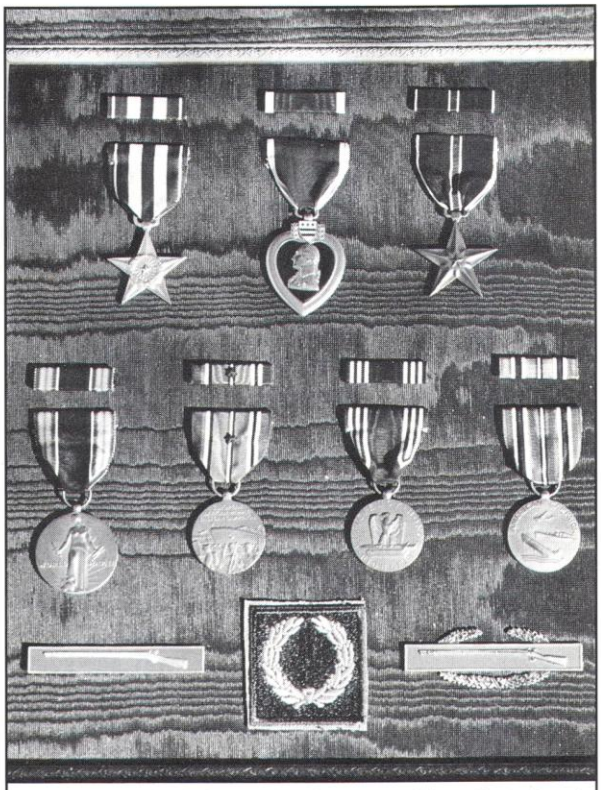
He began working as a restaurant manager in Apple Valley, north of Los Angeles. Their son, Gordon, was born shortly thereafter in 1947. The determination he had shown in war carried over to civilian life, and his boss was impressed. Lou had other plans, however, wishing to gain a college degree. His boss tried to keep him at the firm with an offer of a raise, but the future Dolphin would not be swayed. He enrolled in the accounting program at Golden Gate University in San Francisco.

These were difficult yet successful years. Lou worked as a bookkeeper for the White House department store at night, taking his classes by day. The family was aided in part by an Army pension. With equal parts of effort and G.I. bill dollars, Lou graduated in 1954 and began working for Heyman Brothers Real Estate as a salesman. His rise in the firm was rapid, though there were underlings there who disliked reporting to a boss with a thick, "un-American" French accent.

An avid ice skater and regatta sailor for much of his life, Lou's interest turned to swimming, and he joined the Dolphin Club in September of 1956. Shortly afterward, he began another new venture—his own real estate firm. Louis Gallic Company was formed in 1957. The firm was integral to the development of some of the first housing in Foster City, California. Though his business demanded long hours, he made swimming in the cove and spending time at the Club a priority.

Watershed events continued into the autumn of his years. He was in a life-threatening car accident in 1965 and was divorced from Dorothy before the decade was over. Shortly afterward he met Mineko, a very happy accident. "We just walked into each other's life one day." she recounts. The two shared some of the most joyful years of their lives together. She accompanied Lou to the club for his daily swim for the last 25 years, regardless of mood or weather. She recently was by his side as he fought through to another success, recovering from hip replacement surgery and then pneumonia. However, at the age of 94, the man's unquenchable spirit moved from this world to the next.

Lou Gallic's story and spirit continue to inspire here and now. Succeeding under fire from a desperate enemy, creating a good life for himself and his family, building and maintaining a successful business, he remains a legend for this and future ages. As long as there is a Dolphin to remember and tell others, this remarkable man and his story will remain bright and vibrant.



Gallic's Medals, left to right, first row: Silver Star, Purple Heart, Bronze Star; second row: World War II Service, European Theater of Operations with Battle Star, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign; third row: Infantry Medal, Unit Citation for Division Regiment, and Combat Infantry Medal.

President's Report

By Meg Reilly

Fiscal Year '98

The state of the Dolphin Club for the first half of 1998 is "steady as she goes." Lots of folks are busy doing lots of things for the club and fellow men, women and children. While the labors of our members bear fruit both great and small, each member volunteer stands as a giant among us.



Chris and Phil after an all-nighter

What follows is a laundry list of activities of some of our volunteer members. It's just a sampling. Those who labor on the club's behalf and remain unmentioned here know who your are—and we thank you!

Dan McGill is putting our volunteer survey information on a data base so we can call out the troops for work parties and such. Nancy Friedman and Susanne Friedrich developed a website for the Club. See that at www.dolphinclub.org. Nancy continues to manage the web site as well as all of the club's public and media relations.

Laura Burtch leads the charge with our outreach committee. We are forging relationships with Sports Bridge, a non-profit that introduces at-risk young women to the benefits of athletics as a way of life. We have and hope to continue to direct contributions from our Dolphin Club Fund to this worthy organization. Likewise, we hope that this year's Introduction to Bay Swimming will include Sports Bridge.

The Club has a budding relationship with Galileo High School. Steve Hagler and Julie Marcus led Galileo High School students Fabiola Vega, Mario Abruzzo, Chester Saing, Tyler Fuentes and Ronnie Batac into our Bay waters this winter. El Nino beckoned these first time dippers! Rumor has it that they are coming back for more. Steve runs the Galileo Outdoor Adventures Program (GOAPe), an experimental education program. Visit their web site at www.backtalk.com/goape/. Steve and Julie also have son Jesse in training as a baby Dolphin. Bets are on that Jesse will learn to swim before he walks.



Celebrating Lou's 70th with a champagne style party

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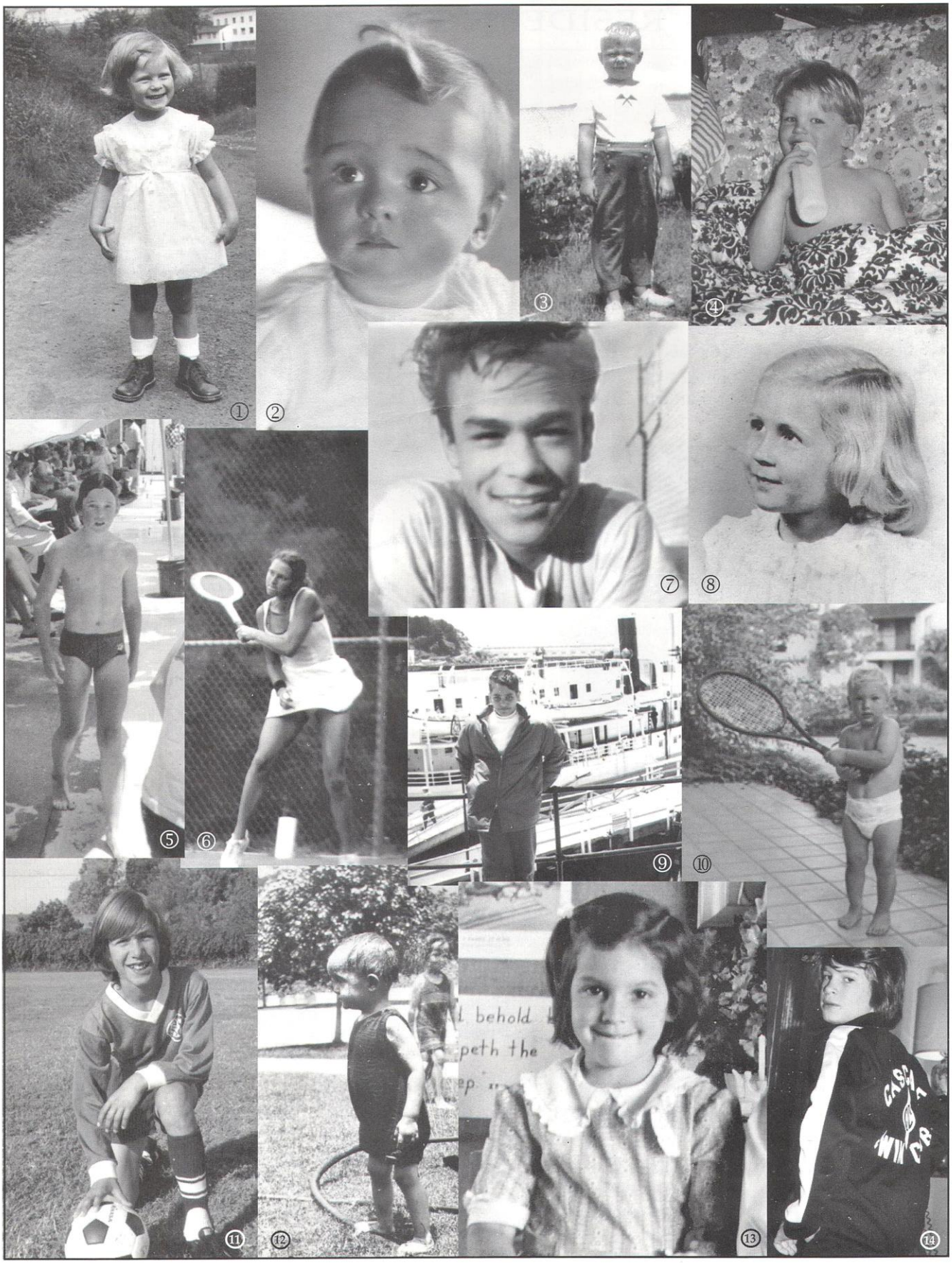


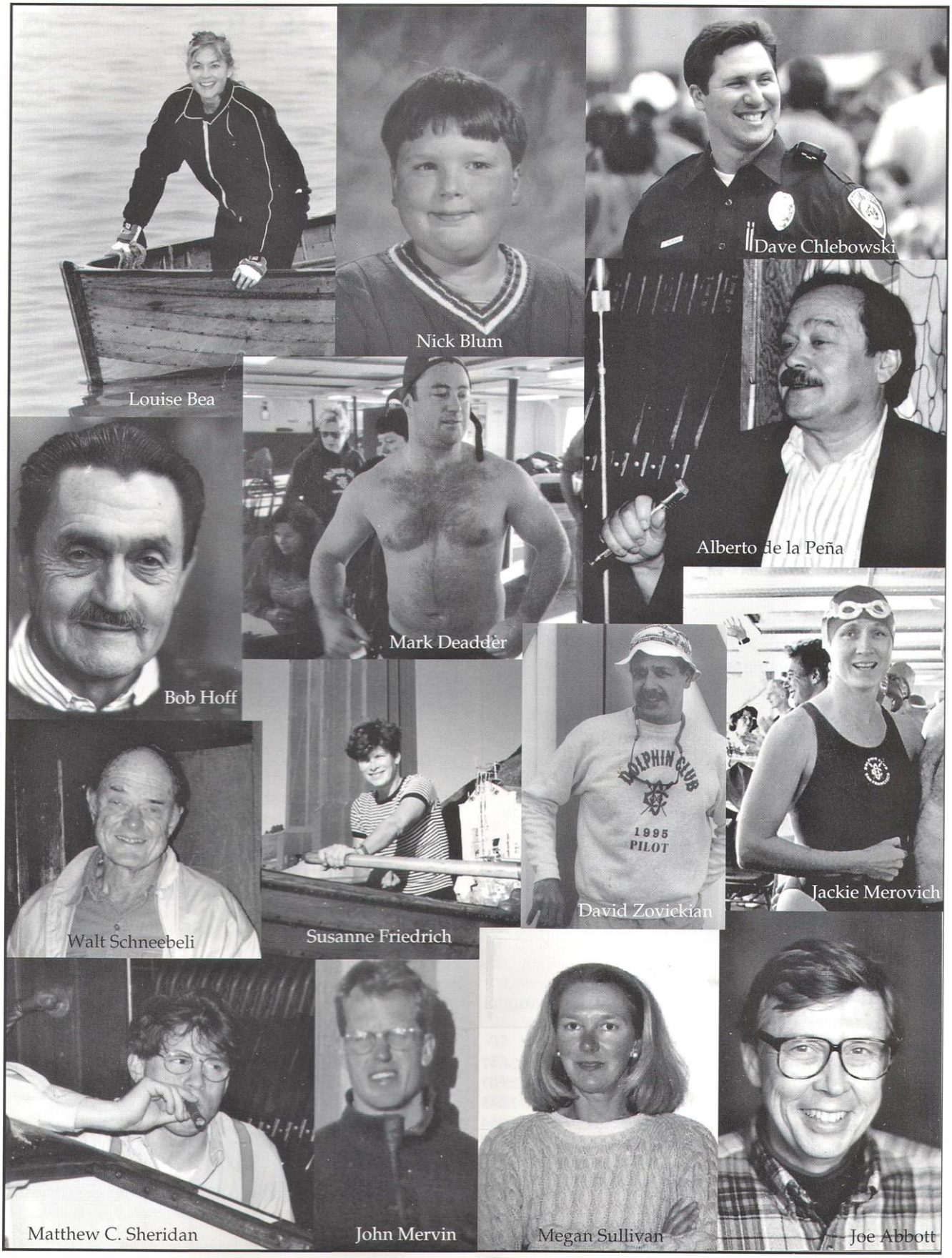
Volunteers at Tuesday's boat night

Photograph by Susanna Friedrich

Our own Elmer Tosta is an Instructor Trainer at USF's Koret Health and Recreation Center. With Elmer's help, a visit to the Club with an opportunity to sample Bay swimming, was incorporated into USF's Spring Lifeguard Training class in April and the Water Safety Instruction class in May. The youngest student visitor was Seandon Ng, 15. The prize for repeat student visitor goes to Marie Watson, a Pacific Islander. At 47, Marie enrolled in both of Elmer's classes and jumped at the opportunity to visit the Club twice. Sounds like a Dolphin in training. By the way, Elmer and Jill Tosta's daughter Ariel is testimony to the benefits of giving kids the opportunity to get sand between the toes at an early age.

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Louise Bea
Nick Blum
Dave Chlebowski
Alberto de la Peña
Mark Deadder
Bob Hoff
Jackie Merovich
David Zovickian
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Walt Schneebeli
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John Mervin
Megan Sullivan
Joe Abbott

Dolphin Swim Statistics

January 31, 1998 — May 31, 1998

Mid-Winter Gas House Cove
January 31, 1998

1. Scott Haskins 17.30
2. Laura Burtch 17:43
3. Chris Kelly 18:10
4. Brett Graessle 18:11
5. Peter Drino 19:41
6. George Kebbe 19:57
7. Eric von Blankenburg 20:11
8. Suzie Dods 20:31
9. John Pelka 20:32
10. Kelly Flynn 20:50
11. Peter Darlington 20:52
12. Margaret Keenan 21:10
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16. Mark O'Hara 22:09
17. Sunny McKee 22:18
18. Diane Schatz 22:24
19. Peter Neubauer 22:28
20. Peter Urrea 22:36
21. Neal Powers 22:46
22. Jenny von Blankenburg 22:52
23. Steve Counselman 24:47
24. Anne Sasaki 25:07
25. Sue Garfield 25:45
26. Jerry Cullen 25:54
27. Rey Hassan 26:17
28. Ken Coren 26:24
29. Roger Kleid 26:35
30. Rich Livingston 26:38
31. Steve Worthington 26:49
32. Nancy Hayes 27:37
33. Debbie Rose 31:33
34. Will Powning II 31:38
35. Pavla Podolska 37:30

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Pilots: Theresa Ouano, Tom Dugan, Nancy Friedman, Gail Grynbaum, Susan Allen, Phil Kohlenberg, Roger Hansen, Rich Cooper, Jim Fagan, Dave Zovickian, Ben Owen, Dan Osborne, Heidi Schriefer, Bill Pickelhaupt, and Al de la Peña.

Helpers: Pavla Podolska, Susan Cobb, Jackie Merovich, Suzie Dods, Pat North,Heather Royer, Sid Hollister, Mimi Osborne, Anthony DuComb, Pete Bianucci, Boris Rozenberg, Neal Powers, Margaret Keenan, Tina Scott, Chuck Perkins, and Ruben Hechanova.

Swim Update

by Pete Bianucci, Swim Commissioner

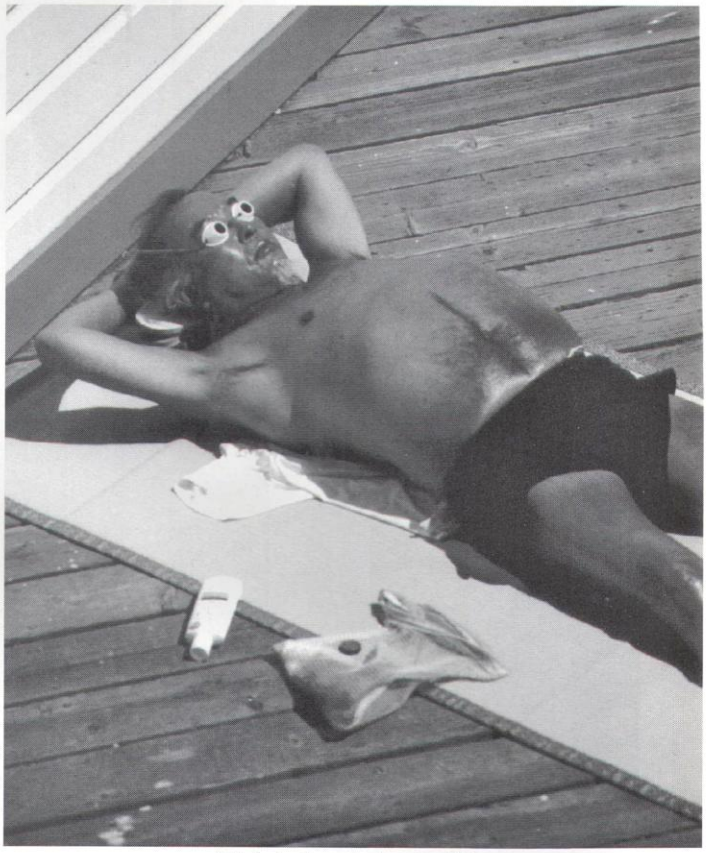
This is another swimmer's year. El Niño is still with us. Bay waters are approaching 60°. Many Dolphins are enjoying warm races.

I would like to explain the rules for doing either the "Gate" or "Alcatraz" swims. You must swim three of the swims on our swim program that are marked with an asterisk. Then you need to pilot or help two times.

In the past we have found that swimmers were not doing meaningful helps the same day they swam, so the rule was made that you could not swim and help the same day. This year I am going back to the old ways. You may help on the same day you swim. There are many jobs to do. The boats are heavy. If you have warmed up and have had your coffee, please look around to see if you can help a pilot pull in his or her boat. Many hands make the load light. Keep that concept in mind. This is your swim program and your Club. A lending hand makes the day a lot brighter for all involved.

Many thanks to all that pitch in. It sure makes my job a pleasure.

—Pete Bianucci



High-tech sunning by Hiro

Photograph by Mark L. O'Hara

Z-Man Cove
February 22, 1998

(Times are missing)

Short Course

1. Nancy Hornor
2. Pete Bianucci

Long Course

1. Jon Nakamura
2. Peter McLaughlin
3. Krist Jake
4. Pete Neubauer
5. Lee Hammack
6. Peter Urrea
7. John Hornor
8. Tina Scott
9. Sue Garfield
10. Jerry Cullen

Pilots: Conrad von Blankenburg, Jim Fagan, Don Reid, and Susan Allen.

Helpers: Mark McKee, Sunny McKee, Tina Scott, Peter McLaughlin, Anthony DuComb, Suzie Dods, Susan Cobb, Diane Schatz, Vince Huang, Sid Hollister, Rich Cooper, Sue Garfield, Lindsay Casablanca, Pete Bianucci, Beth Anne Cobb, Brittany Cobb

Spring Cove
March 21, 1998

Jump off: 9:05 a.m.; tide: end of ebb; water temp: 55°; water conditions: flat.

Short Course

1. Phil Scarborough 14.14
2. Carter Seddon 16:48
3. Tom Dugan 18:07
4. Chuck Perkins 20:05
5. Steve Lathram 20:44
6. Chuck Vogt 21:39
7. Debbie Rose 21:45
8. Rudy DeMay 22:18
9. Gary Ehrsam 23:56
10. David Broadbear 24:38

Long Course

1. Steve Schatz 27:02
2. George Kebbe 28:50
3. Mark Deadder 29:00
4. Mark McKee 30:23
5. Peter McLaughlin 30:27
6. Kelly Flynn 30:47
7. Margaret Keenan 31:22
8. Krist Jake 31:30
9. Rich Antonchuck 31:58
10. Peter Neubauer 32:11
11. Sunny McKee 32:38
12. Joe Illick 33:08
13. Tina Scott 35:40
14. Susan Cobb 35:47
15. Theresa Ouano 36:11
16. Jackie Merovich 37:50
17. Steve Counselman 38:07
18. Anne Sasaki 38:14
19. Ben Owen 40:08

Pilots: Peter Urrea, George Robin, Bill Pickelhaupt, Jim Fagen, Matt Sheridan, and Pam Stillwagon.

Helpers: Laura Merkel, Mimi Osborne, Sunny McKee, Mark McKee, Debbie Rose, Joe Illick, Jackie Merovich, Bonnie Winn, Andy Camous, Megan Sullivan, Lee Hammack, Nick Blum, Anthony DuComb, Sylvie Chartois, Phil Kohlenberg, Candice Kelly, Lorna Newlin and Pete Bianucci.

Pier 43 1/2
April 5, 1998

Jump off: 9: 30 a.m.; tide: decent, but tricky, ebb; water temp: 53; air temp: 55; water conditions: flat, with a few wake waves.

1. Laura Burtch 19:01
2. Heidi Schriefer 20:01
3. Chris Kelly 20:28
4. George Kebbe 22:10
5. Phil Scarborough 23:14
6. Peter McLaughlin 23:41
7. Mark McKee 24:05
8. Joe Illick 25:03
9. Kelly Flynn 25:32
10. Conrad vonBlankenburg .. 25:34
11. Rich Antonchuk 25:48
12. Dan Osborne 26:23
13. Diane Schatz 26:52
14. Mark O'Hara 27:13
15. Sunny McKee 27:20
16. George Robin 28:02
17. Jennifer Lamers 28:07
18. Nick DeMay 28:36
19. Neal Powers 28:40
20. Carter Seddon 28:52
21. Theresa Ouano 29:03
22. Mark Mullen 29:47
23. Susan Cobb 30:38
24. Sue Garfield 30:49
25. John Hornor 30:50
26. Pam Stillwagon 32:00
27. Tom Dugan 32:38
28. Anthony DuComb 33:13
29. Rey Hassan 34:15
30. Chuck Perkins 35:53
31. Steve Lathram 36:09
32. Steve Worthington 36:51
33. Ben Owen 36:53
34. Sandy Lehmkuhl 37:11
35. Larry Wish 37:25
36. Debby Rose 39:20
37. Chuck Vogt 41:28
42. Sarah McCuskey 43:26
43. Mimi Osborne 46:00
44. Don Reid 47:15
45. Rudy DeMay 47:41
42. David Broadbear 47:57

Pilots: Mark Deadder, John Selmer, Mag Donaldson, Nancy Friedman, Krist Jake, Marla McGowan, Phil Fernandez, Bob Danielson, Don Harrison, Tom Kuglen, Rich Cooper, Eric Mellinger, Jim Fagan, Roger Hansen, Jerry Cullen, Todd Oppenheimer, Bill Pickelhaupt, Susanne Friedrich, Al de la Pena, Pete Bianucci, Matt Sheridan, Dave Zovickian, Phil Kohlenberg, Meg Reilly, and Ed DeCossio.



Margaret and Candace share a last hurrah

Helpers: Debby Rose, Mickey Lavelle, Joe Illick, Laura Merkle, Chuck Vogt, Pete Neubauer, Janice Kelly, Cynthia Greenberg, Anne Sasaki, Pat Howard, Elaine Koverman, Krist Jake, Neal Powers, Becky Fenson, Sarah McCuskey, Chris Kelley, Era Osibe, Carter Seddon, George Kebbe, Anthony DuComb, and Sandy Lehmkuhl.

Yacht Harbor
April 26, 1998

Jump off: 9: 30 a.m.; current: fast; water temp: 55-56; air temp: 62; water conditions: flat, grungy at start; day: glorious.

1. Becky Fenson 28:30
2. Heidi Schriefer 31:49
3. Laura Merkl 33:23
4. Elmer Tosta 34:26
5. John Lennox 34:32
6. Mickey Lavelle 34:35
7. Phil Scarborough 34:51
8. Peter Drino 34:53
9. Peter McLaughlin 34:59
10. David Rich 35:05
11. Chris Kelly 35:07
12. Conrad von Blankenburg . 35:52
13. Mark McKee 36:28



The Wieland attempts to make it to Sacramento

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14. Peter Neubauer 37:27
15. Mark O'Hara 37:37
16. Nick DeMay 37:56
17. Krist Jake 37:57
18. Joe Illick 38:05
45. Jim Grant 47:15
46. George Gara 47:38
47. Debby Rose 48:52
48. Mary Cantini 49:02
49. Tom Sancimino 51:26



Flailing arms at the start of Crazy Cove

19. Neal Powers 39:05
20. Bonnie Winn 39:02
21. Margaret Keenan 39:29
22. Debbie Bispo 40:01
23. Janice Kelly 40:07
24. Carter Seddon 40:17
25. Ed Urban 40:22
26. Eric Burke 40:42
27. Candace Kelly 40:42
28. George Robin 40:51
29. Gina Rus 41:39
30. Susan Cobb 41:47
32. Steve Counselman 41:51
33. Anthony DuComb 41:56
33: Lee Hammack 41:56
35: Jackie Merovich 42:21
36: Barry Christian 42:43
37: Jerry Cullen 44:17
38: Sue Garfield 44:46
39. Nancy Hornor 45:11
40. Mary Sancimino 45:53
41. Louise Bea 46:38
42. Steve Lathram 46:39
43. Susan Lauritzen 46:41
44. Larry Wisch 46:48
50. David Broadbear 51:53
51. Don Reid 53:52
52. Pavla Podolska 57:11

Pilots: Rudy DeMay, Tina Scott, David Shutt, John Selmer, John Pelka, Ann Sasaki, Phil Rollins, Eric Shackelford, Theresa Ouano, Ben Owen, Colin Gift, Mag Donaldson, Peter Urrea, Vince Huang, Scott Haskins, Joe Ferrero, Don Harrison, Jim Fagan, Dan Osborne, Neil Harnett, Rich Cooper, Eric Melinger, Keith Foxe, Susanne Friedrich, Bill Powning, Andy Camous, Ned Hoffman, Rubin Hechanova, Peter Darlinton, Ken Coren, Phil Kohlenberg, Ed deCossio, Pete Bianucci, Dave Zovickian, Al de la Pena, Celeste McMullin, and Susan Allen.

Helpers: George Gara, Louise Bea, Carter Seddon, Jackie Merovich, Joe Illick, Susan Allen, Pavla Podolska, Diane Scheter, Sue Garfield, Jim Grant, John Hornor, Micky Lavelle, Megan Sullivan, Nick Blum, Sid Hollister, Dahlia Kamesar, Laura Burtch, Kate Coleman, Heather Royer, Mimi Osborne, Rey Hassan, Pete Neubauer, Neal Powers, Mark Mullen, Peter McLaughlin, Anthony DuComb, Phil Scarborough, Nancy Hornor, Chris Kelly, Janice Kelly, Jack Kamesar, and Suzie Dods.

Crazy Cove
May 16, 1998

Jump off: 9: 00 a.m.; water temp: 55°F; air temp: 49°F; water conditions: significant ebb; wind conditions: horizontal flag day.

Short Course

1. Dan Osborne 14:17
2. Mike Webb 17:17
3. Louise Bea 17:44
4. Monica Towers 17:57
5. Mark Mullen 18:18
6. Milo Fay 18:47
7. Jim Vanya 19:25
8. Elaine Koverman 25:35

Long Course

1. Scott Haskins 26:12
2. Laura Burtch 26:45
3. Steve Schatz 26:50
4. George Kebbe 29:51
5. John Pelka 30:06
6. Alan Budenz 31:58
7. Peter Darlington 32:10
8. Joe Illick 33:30
9. Eric Burke 33:31
10. Krist Jake 33:38
11. Vince Huang 33:47
12. Dave Zovickian 34:07
13. Megan Sullivan 34:09
14. Debby Bispo 34:30
15. Peter Neubauer 35:18
16. Kate Coleman 35:33
17. Bonnie Winn 35:36
18. David Tate 36:27

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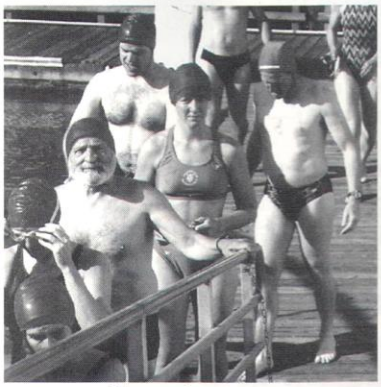


Nick Strelchuk powers by master pilot Jim Fagan

19. Bob Blum 36:42
20. Gina Rus 37:16
21. Tina Scott 37:39
22. Nancy Friedman 39:19
23. John Hornor 39:31
24. Pam Stillwagon 40:01
25. Tom Dugan 40:18
26. Boris Rosenberg 45:26
27. Gail Grynbaum 47:56
28. Gary Ehrsam 55:30
29. Nick Strelchuk 56:05

Pilots: Jim Fagan, Andy Camous, Keith Fox, Eric von Blankenburg, Matt Sheridan, Susan Allen, Heidi Scheifer, and Kelly Flynn.

Helpers: Becky Fenson, Nick Blum, Mimi Osborne, Rey Hassan, Anthony DuComb, Suzie Dods, Scott Haskins, Tina Scott, Todd Oppenheimer, Meg Reilly, Diane Sosnoski, Margaret Keenan, Pete Bianucci, Ben Owen, Bob Kaufman, Nick Strelchuk, and Rick Ragusa.



Two minutes....

Pier 39
May 31, 1998

Jump off: 8:15 a.m.; water temp: 56° f; air temp: nippy temperature, water conditions: serious ebb; overall day: grand.

1. Heather Royer 22:39
2. John Selmer 22:44
3. Scott Haskins 23:02
4. Duke Dahlin 24:03
5. Steve Schatz 24:11
6. John Pelka 26:07
7. Marla McGowan 26:30
8. Dave Rich 26:31
9. George Kebbe 26:35
10. Alan Budenz 26:48
11. Larry Scroggins 27:17
12. Phil Scarborough 27:20
13. Margaret Keenan 27:31
14. Pat McGarvey 27:42
15. Conrad vonBlankenburg 28:04
16. Vince Huang 28:10
17. Peter Neubauer 28:13
18. Diane Sosnoski 28:15
19. Eric Shackelford 28:37
20. Barbara Byrnes 28:47
21. Peter Urrea 28:51
22. Bob Blum 29:07
 Kate Coleman 29:07
 David Shutt 29:07
25. Debbie Bispo 29:19
 David Tait 29:19
27. Ed Urban 29:23
28. Megan Sullivan 29:35
29. Neal Powers 30:17
30. Mark O'Hara 30:20
 Matt Sheridan 30:20
32. John Hornor 30:31
33. Nancy Friedman 30:50
34. Anthony DuComb 31:20
35. Barry Christian 31:27
36. Tina Scott 31:34
37. Eduardo Barranca 31:40
38. Jackie Merovich 31:54
39. Pam Stillwagon 32:10
40. Mary Sancimino 33:07
41. Susan Anson 33:14
42. Rey Hassam 33:36
43. Milo Fay 33:57
44. Sue Garfield 34:09
45. Nancy Hornor 34:20
46. Boris Rosenberg 34:52
47. Larry Wisch 34:56
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 Jack Kamesar DNF

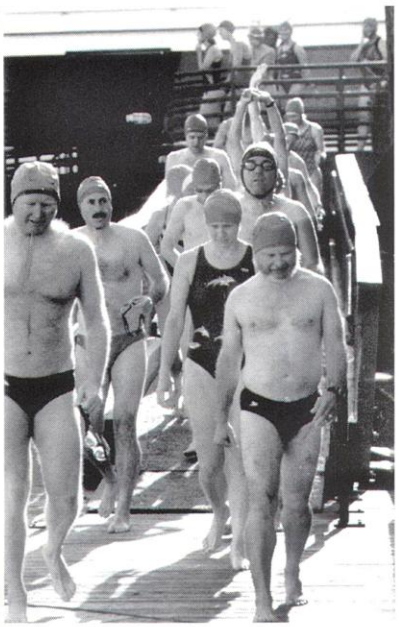
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Helpers: Pavla Podolska, Jackie Merovich, Chuck Perkins, Tina Scott, Suzie Dods, Sarah McCuskey, Nick Blum, Mimi Osborne, Anthony DuComb, Kathy Huang, Chelsea Huang, Jessica Huang, Elmer Tosta, Elaine Peterson, Laura Burtch, and Neal Powers.

1998 Polar Bear
December 21, 1997 to March 21, 1998

Only the bold, and the little bit crazy, swim in the cold!

Heather Royer° 172 1/2
Peter Drino‡ 107
Peter Urrea 102
Laura Merkel 80
Peter McLaughlin 77 3/4
John Mervin ⚐⚐ 70
George Kebbe 67 1/2
Joe Illick 58 1/4
Larry Scroggins 57
Neal Powers 55
John Selmer 52
Krist Jake 50 1/4
Laura Burtch 50
Tom Kernan 50
Mark McKee 50
Sunny McKee 50
Paula Podolska 50
Sue Garfield 49
John Pelka 48 3/4
George Robin 48 1/2
Theresa Ouano ⚐⚐⚐ 47 3/4
Mark Deadder ⚐ 47 1/4
Rich Antonchuk 46 3/4
Lee Hammack 46
Carter Seddon 45 3/4
Margaret Keenan 45 3/4
Mag Donaldson 45
Rey Hassan 45
Jamie Martin ⚐ 45
Greg Simon 45
Becky Fenson 44 1/2
Kelly Flynn 43 3/4
Peter Neubauer 43
Anthony DuComb 42 1/2
Nancy Hayes 42
Carlson Klapthor ⚐ 42
Ben Owen ⚐ 42
Heidi Schriefer ⚐ 42
Jennifer Lamers 41 1/2
John Theede ⚐ 41 1/2
Anne Sasaki 41 1/4
Rocky 41
Jerry Cullen 41
Vince Haung 41
John Hornor 41
Nancy Hornor ⚐ 41
Christopher Kelly 41
Mimi Osborne 41
Jon Nakamura 40 3/4
Steve Worthington 40 3/4
Lindsay Casablanca 40 1/2



One minute...hurry!

Phil Kohlenberg 40 1/2
Michael Lord 40 1/2
Dan Osborne 40 1/2
Mike Roddy 40 1/2
John Davis 40 1/4
Tom Hoffman 40 1/4
Conrad vonBlankenburg .. 40 1/4
Alan Budenz 40
Susan Cobb 40
Steve Counselman 40
Suzie Dods 40
Candace Kelly 40
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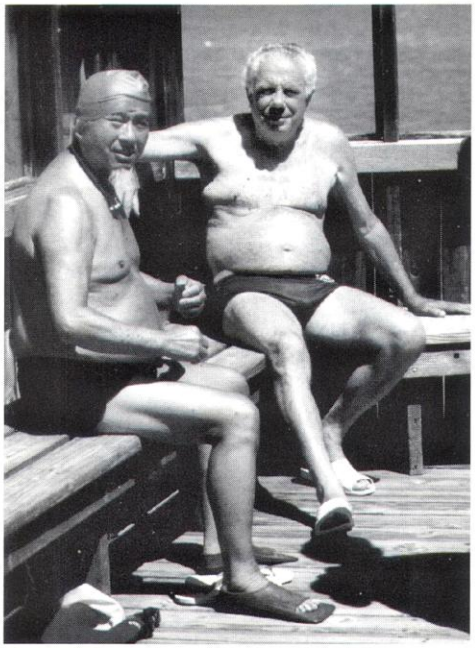
° *First Dolphin; First Female*
‡ *First Male*
⚐ *Virgin Polor Bear*
⚐⚐ *First Virgin Male*
⚐⚐⚐ *First Virgin Female*

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Bill Pickelhaupt and Walter Schneebeli provide unique and valuable services as historians. After many years of saving and researching information on the Dolphin Club and its



Hiro and Lou before their ritual

members, Walt is a warehouse of historic information. Bill writes and speaks about the history of Aquatic Park, the rowing clubs and the San Francisco waterfront. If you haven't heard Bill on the radio, and don't have a copy of Bill's books, *Club Rowing on San Francisco Bay, 1869-1939* and *Shanghaied in San Francisco*, you are missing something. Bill took steps to make sure the Dolphin Club is affiliated with the State's Sesquicentennial celebration and also offered to provide classroom curriculum for statewide use about Bay rowing.

Lorna Newlin and committee member Tina Scott are our lead entertainment meisters, an awesome responsibility that includes organizing the Crab Feed, the June Dinner Dance, and the scores of "feed the masses" events that go along with swimming.

Our swim program would suffer without the help of Jackie Merovich who manages swim fees; Pat McGarvey, who enters results into the computer; and Dave Zovickian, Reuben Hechanova and Gary Ersham, who make pilot coverage and training possible. Tony DuComb handles sign-in, timing and results, Suzie Dods makes donuts and other edible delights happen. Al de la Peña and Dan McGill make sure the motor boats are fueled and running for our 30-something swims. Tina Scott handles the things that keep us swimming—trinkets!! The myriad of other helpers are the backbone of our swim program. Remember, for every 3 swimmers, there must be 1 pilot. We thank those pilots!

Mimi Osborne provides guidance on all things culinary, and makes feeding 200 seem easy. Dan Osborne is multi-talented as a swimmer, pilot, architect and board member over many years.

Lee Hammack toils to produce architectural drawings for pier repairs and the—yes, *it will happen*—ladies' locker room renovation. Our building committee oversees that project — no break from their day job!



Sasha ponders: will dad ever get out of the water?

Don Harrison is pilot and tidemaster extraordinaire. In a recent water quality related tide study, Don worked closely with hydrologists to measure and record tidal movements in Aquatic Park and Fisherman's Wharf Harbor. One of the hydrologists joked that they could have left their sophisticated instruments at home since they only confirmed what Don Harrison already knew.

Vince and Kathy Huang provide cutting-edge guidance to our Safety Committee. Vince also manages our



Anne: Vogue model or Dolphin?

weight room and serves as Vice President. Vince and Kathy are professional athletic directors. Vince, at the Recreation Center for the Handicapped. Kathy, at the USF aquatics program. Both are swimming hard to set examples for (and keep up with) daughters Jessica and Chelsea.

Lou Marcelli. The countless ways that Lou directs the traffic at the club can't be stated. We thank him.

Matthew C. Sheridan and Chris Kelly produced this *Dolphin Log* and plan to keep doing so.

As for the rest of you volunteers. We thank you.

Privately Owned Water Craft—
Stored at the Dolphin Club

(KAYAKS, SHELLS, ROWBOATS, BOARDS, MOTORBOATS, ETC.)

The following are the basic rules and guidelines

When in doubt, ask the Boat House Captain, Rowing Commissioner, or any Board Officer)

- Private craft kept at the Dolphin Club must be registered with the Boat House Captain.
- Private craft are kept at the Dolphin Club at their own risk;
- The Dolphin Club is not liable for damage to, or theft of, your craft.
- Private craft kept at the Dolphin Club are available for use by any qualified member.
- Members are qualified when they have successfully completed the Dolphin Club training program specific to the craft; for example:

 motor craft—operators require successful completion of Dolphin Club motor craft instruction

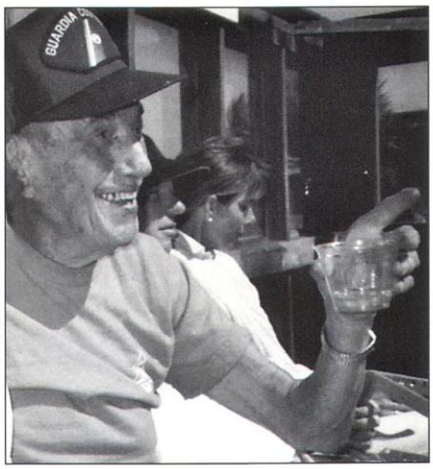
 kayak—users require successful completion of Dolphin Club kayak instruction

 shell—users require successful completion of Dolphin Club shell instruction (at Lake Merced)
- Qualification programs are under the direction of the Boat House Captain.
- Non Dolphin Club members are not allowed to use privately owned craft out of the Dolphin Club facilities.
- Private craft kept at the Dolphin Club can not be used to pilot non Dolphin events from the Dolphin Club.
- All craft must be signed out in the log book located in the Boat House.
- Users must adhere to all City, State, Federal and Dolphin Club safety regulations (i.e. personal floatation devices, etc.).
- Users of privately owned craft are responsible for damage they cause to craft.

By Order of the Board of Governors
(11-20-96)

THEN AND NOW ANSWERS

1. *Susanna Friedrich*
2. *Walt Schneebeli*
3. *Joe Abbott*
4. *John Mervin*
5. *Mark Deadder*
6. *Megan Sullivan*
7. *Alberto de la Peña*
8. *Jackie Merovich*
9. *David Zovickian*
10. *Nick Blum*
11. *Dave Chlebovski*
12. *Bob Hoff*
13. *Louise Bea*
14. *Matthew C. Sheridan*



A Remembrance
by Anne Sasaki

Cecco, wearing his white, size 13 shoes,
looked up at me with his close-cropped white hair.
His 83 year-old face suddenly transformed into a little boy's.
With pleading blue eyes he said:
"You don't know how to fix the TV?"
I collapsed in a regular convulsion of laughter.
He was sitting in a Staib room chair.

I fell into one of Jack's rockers,
restored lovingly from the fire of '79.
Earlier Cecco had said,
"You'd think out of the 900 members,
we'd have a TV repairman."

At one point in the evening I found him
turning all the buttons at the bottom of the big screen
which had become his nightly breast.
I reassured him that Lou was on the phone with the repairman.
"Is he coming tonight?"
The little boy was back in the room.

I couldn't watch as Matthew, Mark, "Luke and John"
took the TV down the front steps.
I'm not sure if I was afraid they would drop it ,
or was hoping they would.

The evening consisted of the usual unmatchable food,
camaraderie, wine, music, and dancing.
But the denouement was seeing Ms. Ito twirl
on the ice on Lou's 19 inch TV
where the Big Mother had been.
Opera glasses would be needed on Super Sunday.

Cecco
By Alberto de la Peña

The warm summer sunlight
filtering into the galley
fades like morning mist
hanging above the dock.

Something else has faded
from Dolphin hearts
like the copper tones of the setting sun.
Someone we love is gone.
Someone we shall never see again.

We continue to look for you, Cecco.
In the Staib,
in the boathouse,
and in the galley,
chopping garlic and tomatos.
Mangia kid!

Champion of the world
you were called, and you were,
to many of us.
Your smile made us feel comfortable
like coming home.
You were always there.

Where are you now?
Having a drink with Dan Murphy?
Bickering with Herman?
Is Ray Saviano there?
Say hello to Bert Arias.
You won't be lonely,
and we are happy for that.
Dino misses you.

We miss your stories.
Your photographs speak to us.
We don't know why you left us,
but your call must have been urgent.
Some summer afternoon,
just before twilight,
when those copper tones are fading,
you will smile on us,
in the galley, having
garlic, tomatos, balsamic.
And drinking red wine, of course.
Goodbye Cecco, we miss you.

1998 Swim Schedule

Schedule Subject to Changes

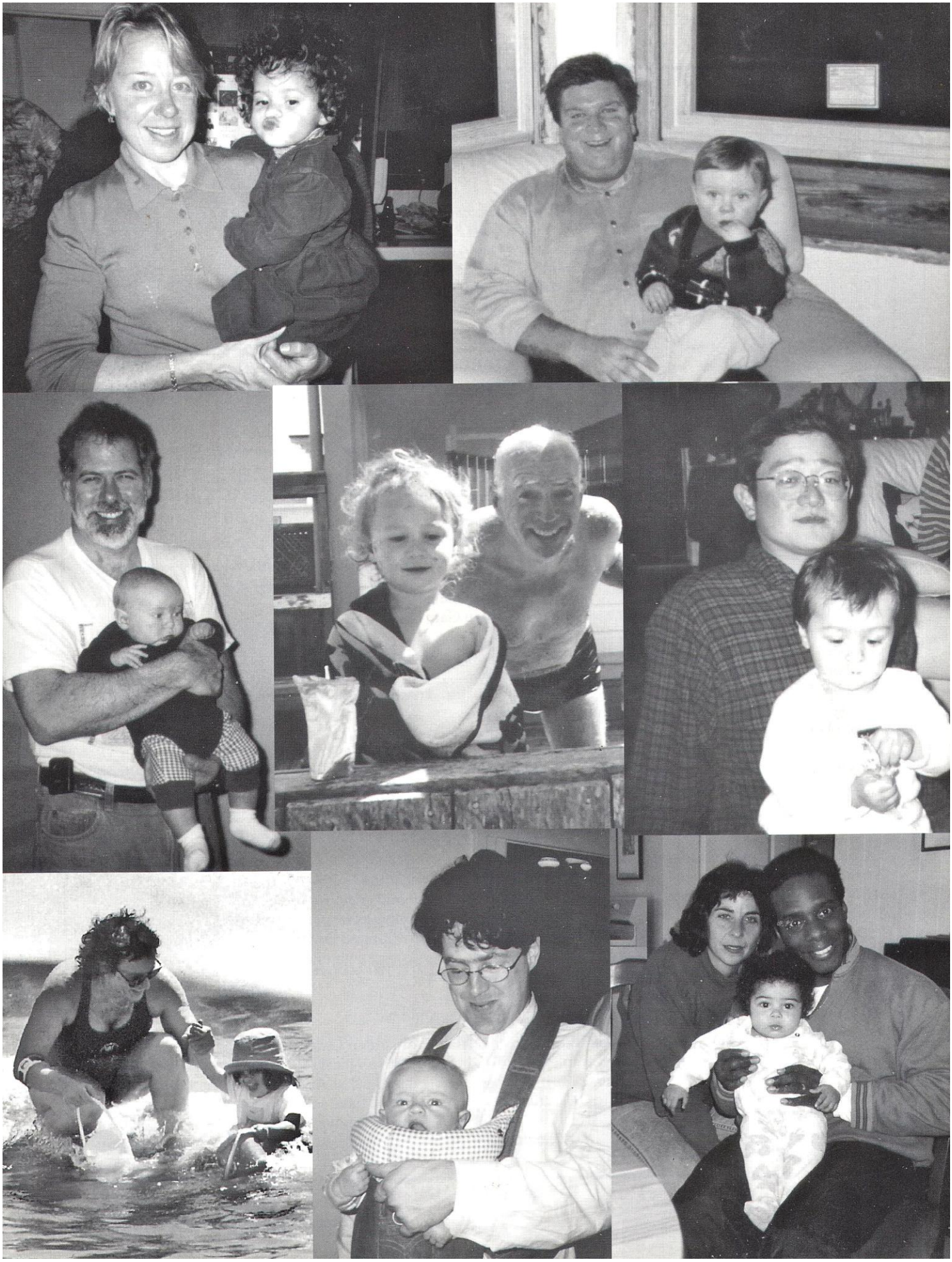
Date	Event	Jump-Off
December 21 - *Saturday*	*Polar Bear Swim Starts*	
January 1 - *Thursday*	New Year's Day Cove	TBA
January 1 - *Thursday*	New Year's Day Alcatraz	TBA
January 31 - *Saturday*	☸ Mid-Winter Gas House Cove	TBA
February 22 - *Sunday*	**Z - Man** Mid - Winter Cove	TBA
March 21 - *Saturday*	*Polar Bear Swim Ends*	
March 21 - *Saturday*	☸ Spring Cove	TBA
April 5 - *Sunday*	☸ Pier 43 1/2	TBA
April 26 - *Sunday*	☸ Yacht Harbor	TBA
May 16 - *Saturday*	☸ **Dick Beeler** Crazy Cove	TBA
May 31 - *Sunday*	☸ Pier 39	TBA
June 1 - *Monday*	*100 Mile Swim Starts*	
June 7 - *Sunday*	☸ Crissy Field	TBA
June 19 - *Friday*	☸ Twilight Cove - **Pot Luck & BBQ**	TBA
July 10 - *Friday*	☸ Twilight Pier 43 1/2	TBA
July 12 - *Sunday*	☸ Over Sixty Cove - *Swim fees not necessary*	TBA
July 18 - *Saturday*	☸ Trans Tahoe Relay	TBA
July 25 - *Saturday*	☸ **Doc Howard** - Over 45 - Gas House Cove	TBA
August 1 - *Saturday*	☸ Santa Cruz Pier Swim	TBA
August 8 - *Saturday*	☸ Fort Point	TBA
August 15 - *Saturday*	**Joe Bruno** Golden Gate II - Slow Day	TBA
August 16 - *Sunday*	**Joe Bruno** Golden Gate I - Fast Day	TBA
September 27 - *Sunday*	Alcatraz	TBA
October 11 - *Sunday.*	Introdction to Bay Swimming	TBA
October 11 - *Sunday.*	Handicap Cove	TBA
October 25 - *Sunday*	Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon	TBA
October 31 - *Saturday*	*100 Mile Swim Ends*	
November 7 - *Saturday*	Dolphin/South End Triathlon	TBA
November 14 - *Saturday*	Annual Swim/Pilot Appreciation Dinner	TBA
November 26 - *Thursday*	Thanksgiving Day Cove	TBA
December 13 - *Sunday*	New Year's Day Alcatraz Qualifier	TBA
December 21 - *Monday*	*Polar Bear Swim Starts*	

• Swim Program Rules •

1. Club scheduled swims are restricted to club members only.
2. Swimmers are required to wear fluorescent orange caps on all scheduled swims.
3. Swimmers must be members in good standing with dues current and swim fees paid.
4. New members are not eligible to swim in scheduled swims for 6 months from their membership start.
5. Out-of-cove swims are limited to 60 swimmers and may be further limited by the Swim Commission.
6. Alcatraz and Golden Gate swims are limited to 75 swimmers; Alcatraz swimmers are chosen by lottery.
7. Swim sign-up sheets are posted two weeks prior to each swim.
8. Time limits are imposed and enforced for all swims.
9. All club boats are reserved for scheduled swims; riders are prohibited.

• Additional qualifications for Alcatraz and Golden Gate Swims •

10. In-town members must successfully complete 2 swims marked with a wheel (☸) and one other scheduled swim and pilot or help on at least 2 others.
11. Out-of-town members (those residing 100+ miles from the club) must have successfully completed 2 of the last 3 club scheduled Alcatraz and/or Golden Gate swims or meet rule 10 above.
12. Once a member has qualified for Alcatraz/Golden gate swims, non-qualified members will be given priority to qualifying swims.



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News and Notes for the Dolphin Club Membership

Wieland Victory

History has a tendency to repeat itself, sometimes for the good. Sunday July 16, 1950: The *John Wieland*, crewed by Dolphin titans Herb Derham(five years older than the *Wieland* at the time), Gus Geraldi, Joe Bruno, Joe Weiss, Walt Taylor, Roland Demarais and Frank "Cecco" Menucci emerged victorious in a 1.5 mile race against the South End Rowing Club.

Sunday, September 13, 1998: The *Wieland* bested the South End again in a similar course. Crewing the pleasure barge were K. McKinley, J. Bielinski, J. Mervin, P. Gisler, D. Henning, K. Coren and J. Kortum. Congratulations and thanks to these rowers, who are helping to restore our legacy.

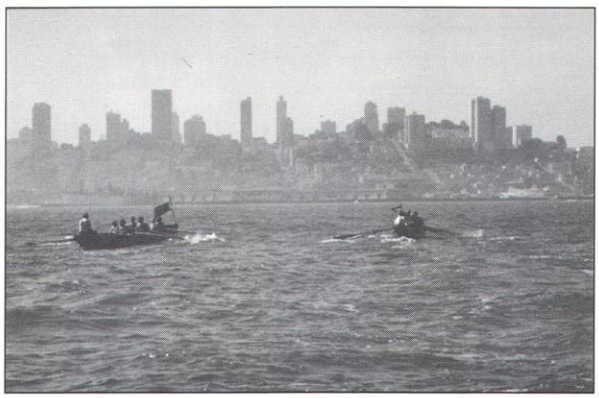
Congratulations to Dolphins Near and Far

This last summer we saw a variety of Dolphins break out across the world in various athletic endeavors.

On August 16, 1998, in 90 degree heat, two Dolphins and a South Ender scorched their competition in the Pyramid Lake Triathlon in Nevada. Pat Cunneen (SE), Peter Royce (DC), and Jack Bettencourt (DC) finished first, second, and third respectively in their *over 60* age division.

This last August, Dolphin member Duke Dahlin competed in the 5th Gay Games, held in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Having "worked real hard for a year and a half" he came home with five gold and five silver medals in his age group (50 - 54). Good work!

Congratulations to Dolphin Peter Urrea who followed up his channel crossing last year, with a mild swim around the island of Manhattan this summer in the time of 9 hours and 48 seconds (shaving 2 minutes and 12 seconds off his previous time).



The Wieland rises again

In July, Deb Henning in the *Cecco* and Rowing Commissioner Reuben Hechanova in the *Good Luck*, set off for Sacramento. The goal was to row the whitehall singles and reach the destination in an optimistic four days or possibly even in five. The hedge to the timeline was due to water conditions created by the El Nino runoff and late snow melt. Deb had completed at least four previous Sacramento rows in the whitehall doubles, while this was going to be the first Sacramento row for Reuben. This would be the first time single whitehalls would attempt the journey since the early 50's when the feat was accomplished by Eddie DeCossio Sr.

Day one's departure from the Club was at dawn on the tail end of the ebb, followed by a solid flood. The Benecia Marina (25 miles to the north) was the first destination, with a target time of eight to nine hours of rowing. It seemed almost too easy. As they were to find out, nothing with the bay or river is ever easy.

Fifteen hours and some thirty five miles of rowing later, arriving in the dark and calling it a day was only the beginning. For Deb on the following morning, the end of the trip was apparent in the injury to her left wrist, which had swollen up as large as her fist. No Sacramento on this trip.

Deb was taken to an emergency room by Jon Bielinski who also brought the Cecco back to the club. Armed with only the charts, some quick instructions and last minute advice, "Make a left at the smokestack; if you are past it, you are headed for Stockton!" Reuben continued his solo journey.

Day two was made memorable by the breaking three and four foot swells in Suisuin Bay along with the sighting of a seventy foot cottonwood tree, without leaves but totally intact from crown to roots, floating in the current towards San Francisco Bay. A cowling (a cover over the bow) that was designed earlier, constructed and installed only hours before launching, kept the breaking waves and water from swamping the vessel.

Day three was the highlight of this adventure. A courtesy mid morning visit to the Rio Vista Coast Guard station to check in and to inform them that he was rowing to Sacramento from San Francisco was met with "hysterical laughter." When the informed officers were questioned as to "What was so funny?" the answer was made dauntingly clear. The station had been notified within the last half hour by the Department of Water Resources that there would by a huge water release from Shasta, Folsom and Oroville dams, doubling the water flow to the Delta.

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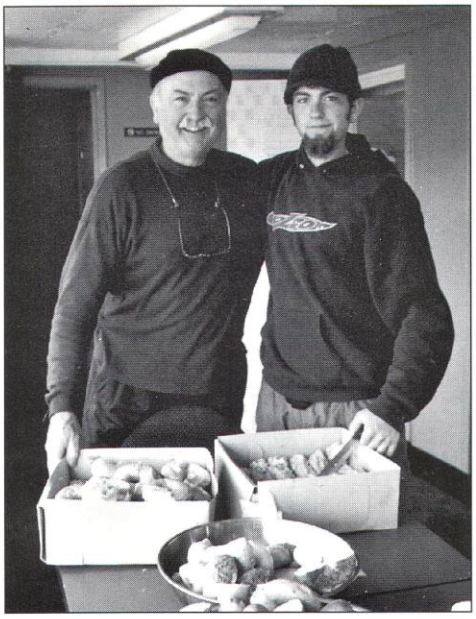
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Not to be deterred from his journey—like spawning salmon—he continued his upstream ordeal. His strategy was to "row as close to shore as possible, keeping a careful eye out for submerged rocks, old pilings and flotsam." He encountered the head of the water released from the dams later in the day in the form of a quarter mile debris flow. One and a half days later, he landed and hauled out the *Good Luck* on Miller Park in Sacramento. His historic journey completed, undaunted, but a little bit tired, he muttered the memorable words, "I will never eat another energy bar or drink a drop of Gatorade ever again. Maybe not until next year."



John Davis and son Tom on donut duty

Le Chevalier de La Mer

Recently we bid adieu to one of the most remarkable people that it has ever been my privilege to know, Lou Gallic. I first met him in 1979, some two decades after he joined. Even then, I was struck by his frail appearance. He didn't seem to be the typical robust type that swims in the bay all year long. To the end of his days, he always seemed frail to me. It took me a long time to understand that he had something that rendered his physical condition almost irrelevant.

I well remember my first Polar Bear Swim in 1979. I had gone down to the Club on a weekend afternoon in January. A lovely winter storm was being conducted with all the usual instruments, cold hard wind, slanting sheets of rain, low overcast, and choppy turbulent water in the high 40s. I was standing underneath the deck, questioning my motivation and searching for a rationale that would let me go home without guilt. Then Lou appeared out of the boatroom, walking without hesitation, dutifully marching toward the churning waters. If ever there was a man whose actions defined the word focused, he embodied it when he went swimming. Eyes fixed firmly on the water ahead, he seemed to be oblivious to everything else. He didn't plunge, he just walked into the water and started swimming.

Over the course of the next 18 years, this little scene was repeated many times. Of course, it was impossible to avoid swimming when he set the example. But he never urged anyone else to go in, yet he always led from the front. Over a period of time that spanned almost two decades, I never once heard him ask the tide, the temperature or anything else concerning the state of the water. If the cove was covered with water hyacinth cuttings from the delta or contained large amounts of debris from the latest storm it made no difference to him. Perhaps if the Loch Ness Monster and the Scaly Serpent of the Seine had been doing a water ballet in the cove, he would have given them a passing glance, but I doubt it. He would go on vacation to Hawaii and spend weeks swimming in the 80 degree water; and the day after his return, both he and Mineko would be down at the Club, doing business at the same

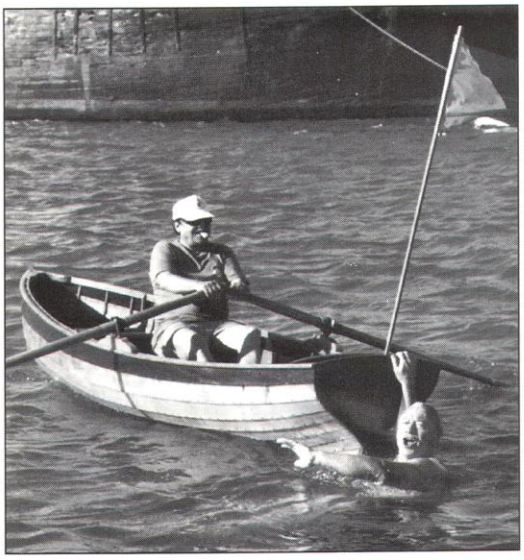
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Photograph by Susan Lauritzen

The Hartnett Invitational

Pier To Pier Swim

It was a warm August afternoon, August 2, 1998 to be exact. A melting summery breeze glided across the cove creating an atmosphere of easiness and expectation. Children were chasing one another and dogs were yapping somewhere off in the distance. It was a festive occasion. There were hot dogs and refreshments, and Bob and Rachel were holding hands looking out over the cove in anticipation.



Hartnett waves to his adoring fans

A soft summer song wafted over the crowd. The music slowly died and there was silence. The murmur of the spectators that lined both piers and the beach suddenly became quiet, and there was not a sound to be heard.

The inaugural Hartnett Invitational Pier To Pier Swim was about to begin. Master Pilot, Al de la Peña was manning the rescue craft, *Cecco*. He firmly planted the Oscar (the yellow and red *man-overboard*) flag into its holder. The flag unfurled gloriously in the breeze. Excitement began to build. Mark O'Hara, Race coordinator, strolled out to the starting point, fingering his little red whistle with a solemn look on his face. At the finish, Bob rechecked his stop watch and set it to zero.

Those who lined the beach opened a path, and Neil Hartnett sauntered through the crowd down to water's edge. He stepped out of his slippers and slipped out of his terry-cloth robe.

Clasping both hands high above his head, he smiled and shook his hands in all directions to acknowledge the support of his many fans. The sight of his barrel chest made some of the younger ladies gasp, and the sight of his beer belly made all of the older women swoon. He easily slid into the water and stroked effortlessly to the farthest piling of the South End Pier, all the while waving and smiling to the spectators. A wave of applause went up as he passed.

When he reached the last piling, Hartnett raised his hand to signal that he was ready. Even though a stiff westerly wind had unexpectedly begun to kick up, all was in place for this historic event to commence. Mark blew the starting whistle, Bob clicked his watch, Al slipped his oars into the water, and the event was underway.

Hartnett kicked off with powerful strokes. Al de la Peña was right at his side pulling furiously on the oars of the *Cecco*. A roar went up and the feeling of excitement permeated the crowd. Even the dogs began yapping again, somewhere off in the distance. Because of the adverse weather conditions, Al de la Peña offered to pull Hartnett twice, but Hartnett's stout Irish heart pushed him on.

Muscles straining and out of breath, Hartnett touched the Dolphin Club Pier, the finish line, to a thundering ovation.

Triumphantly, Hartnett staggered up on the beach, stepped into his slipper, and slipped into his terry-cloth robe. Well-wishers patted him on the back, shook his hand, and congratulated him.

The official time for this historic event was 18.5 seconds, a record in any man's book, and it still stands to this day. Congratulations Neil Hartnett for a job well done.



18.5 seconds, a world record!

This is the stuff that Dolphins are made of.

—Al de la Peña, reporting from the Cecco, somewhere at sea.

Photographs by Mark L. O'Hara

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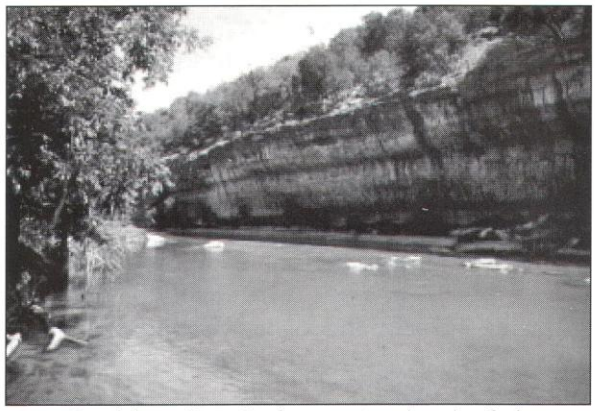
By George Robin

Those Swimming Holes

There is no doubt that one of the best (and biggest) swimming holes is San Francisco Bay. But especially in this day and age, there comes a time when we must temporarily leave this place of grace. We depart or travel for reasons of business, vacation or whatever, for places around the world. But there is one thing we all do on every trip—pack our swim gear!

For me, as with many Dolphin members, whenever on a trip, the experience will not be "real" until I swim somewhere out there. This realization has led me to find some very satisfying and exciting places to experience the watery embrace of Mother Earth. My travels have been on the modest end of the scale, but unforgettable just the same.

I am inviting you all to drop me a note, telling me of the swimming holes you've discovered wherever you happen to go. It should be a sharing of your experience as you can best describe it, giving directions from the nearest town or landmark, and perhaps a photo or two to consider for submission to the Log. I will share one of my favorites here and mention a few others in future *Logs*, alongside yours.



Guadalupe State Park: a great swimming hole

One memorable swim was during the time I left San Francisco to live in Texas for a year and a half. My wife Marty and I took a drive in the Spring to San Antonio and came up through Austin and back to Dallas. On the way to Austin, we pulled into Guadalupe State Park, and looked for a place along the Guadalupe River to picnic. We found just such a place on that warm sunny day. It wasn't long before I pulled on my swim suit and goggles and went into the cold river, which is probably better described as a stream. I walked into it and thought I would swim a distance up that beautiful stream, then return. My body felt the temperature was ranging in the mid 50s F. I also noticed to my delight that the current was "just right" near a spot in mid-stream. There, it was flowing at the same speed that I normally swim for a 30 minute workout. That's it! For 30 minutes, with Marty reading and sunning herself, I swam right there, never moving from the spot! It was truly a good workout, because I could neither have sped up, nor slowed down without immediately moving from that spot. When finished, I just walked right up on the rocks to warm up in the sunshine, having had my "cold fix." If you are ever in the area, I hope you consider turning into this Texas state park to look for that experience too.

To get to Guadalupe State Park, take Hwy. 281 north of San Antonio to left on Hwy. 46, then right on Park Road 31; follow the signs. Call 512-389-8900. Internet for Tx. Parks & Wildlife is http:\\www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

Remember to send in your stories about the best water holes in the world to George Robin, *Dolphin Log*, Dolphin Club, 502 Jefferson Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 or just drop it in the *Log* box in the Staib Room.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

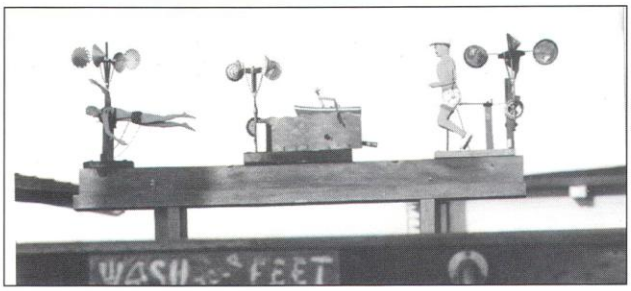
An annual meeting of the membership will be held at the Dolphin Club, 502 Jefferson Street in the Staib Room at 7.p.m. on Wednesday November 18, 1998. The Board of Governors will review business of the past year and proposed activities for the next year. At the time of the mailing of this notice, the Board does not intend to present any issues for action of the membership.

President's Report

By Meg Reilly

Autumn at the Club

A hint of Autumn at the Dolphin Club. Preparations are under way for the 18th annual Escape From Alcatraz, the original, and only *real* one. As a participant or a helper, make sure to Be There! It's always a great day.



A mini whirligigs triathlon

Boo! Our own Lorna Newlin, Entertainment Commissioner extraordinaire, invites you to the annual Halloween Twilight Swim on Friday October 30th. The Club will provide beer and hot-dogs. You should bring two costumes—one to swim in and a dry one for later. It's a potluck, so please bring a dish to share.


Dueling coxswains: Susanne Friedrich and Dom Bea

Food & Fun are a hallmark of Dolphin Club camaraderie. If you pay attention even a little bit, you've noticed that Dolphins like (need) to eat. Sometimes we feed in great numbers. For years, Mimi Osborne has made multi-course sit-down dinners for 300 look easy. She is an incredible cook, and an equally good manager of volunteer troops who make it happen. Sometimes we eat in a less structured setting—usually after twilight swims.

If you eat at the Dolphin Club, please digest three obvious, but extremely important tidbits:

- Bring food, if you eat food;
- Ask how you can help (it's fun);
- Don't leave without cleaning up after yourself and one other person.

If you can, feel free to *take charge* of the clean up and incite the masses to help get it done. Many hands make light work.

Whaddabout that Log! Matthew Sheridan, Chris Kelly and a significant group of volunteers produce a really fine read. Take a moment to thank them.


Yuvonne Green celebrates a birthday with Moon

Bay Swims Sponsored by Other Organizations are a growing phenomenon. There was a time when the Dolphin and South End Clubs were the only place you could find an organized swim in the Bay. Today, some event promoters include Bay swims in their event calendars. That's great, and it's about time!

But if you participate in these events, we ask one thing: Don't involve Dolphin Club equipment or facilities.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. Members wonder if there will

Photographs by Mark L. O'Hara

be a new ladies' locker room. The answer is yes. For details, talk to Boat House Captain Dave Zovickian or Building Committee members Pete Bianucci, Lee Hammack, Dan Osborne and Meg Reilly.

Other members are concerned if our lease, which expires in 2004, will be extended, given the substantial investments we are making in building upgrades. Your President intends to obtain a "yes" answer to that question. I may need your help. Stay tuned.

The Phone Tree needs a leader to organize volunteers who are already identified. We expect a need to contact members to "be present and heard." Our lease renewal negotiations may be a good example of that. Will a leader step forward? It's not that hard for a take-charge person.

Saving the Best for Last, here's a piece of great news! The Club has entered into an agreement with the Friends of Recreation and Parks Department to manage a Dolphin Club building fund. Members can make donations to the fund, now or in their wills. See "Dolphin Club Building Fund" to the right for details.

Club growth and notoriety is on the upswing. That's a major understatement. We admitted 19 new members in August. Membership approaches 1,000 people, up from the 300 range in the '70s. Bay Area Back Roads and other TV programs have covered our activities. Obviously, we are succeeding in our mission.

The Dolphin Club is a steward of important Bay-oriented activities and traditions found nowhere else. Today, we continue the same activities people pursued 150 years ago. Our goal is to ensure that these activities and traditions continue for generations to come. It's a challenge, and we're up to it!

The Dolphin Club Account

It's here! Dolphins have been wishing for a tax-advantaged way to make a donation, or leave a legacy, reflecting the value we place on the Dolphin Club.

Now there is a way

The Club has just established a "Dolphin Club Account" with the Friends of Recreation and Parks, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit. Donations to the Dolphin Club Account can be used for dedicated purposes only. See the "Use of Funds" box. (Not to be confused with the Dolphin Club Fund organized by Joe Cowan and mentioned on page 19)

Why?

The Dolphin Clubhouse was built circa 1890. Capital projects are costly and are currently funded only from your dues, which are roughly $1 per day. That $1 goes first to pay water, utilities, insurance, rent and day-to-day operating costs. It also pays to keep our fleet in working order, for office expenses, publication of the *Log*, the pay phone, membership billing, bookkeeping services, boat maintenance, and a myriad of other things. Most of what's left of your $1 funds programs like swimming and rowing.

You can guess how tough it is to accumulate enough money from your daily $1 dues to fund significant capital costs like pier replacements, new locker rooms and foundation work.

How to Get Started?

You can make a cash donation of any size in 3 simple steps:

1. Make a check payable to "Friends of Recreation and Parks".
2. Write "Dolphin Club Account" on the memo line.
3. Mail your check ***directly*** to the Club or leave it in the "Funding Committee" mail box off the Staib Room.

Donations of publicly traded stock and other securities can also be accepted. Contact a member of the Funding Committee to do that.

Bequests in your will "to Friends of Recreation and Parks, for the Dolphin Club Account" are most welcome!

We encourage you to consult your tax advisor regarding the effect on your taxes of any gift you make.

Questions

You may have questions, particularly if you plan a large gift or have significant estate planning needs. The Club's Funding Committee can help answer questions and provide information to you or your estate planning advisor. Funding Committee members are Mark McKee, Sunny Mckee, David Zovickian, and Meg Reilly. Feel free to contact any committee member, or leave a note with your name and phone number in the Funding Committee mailbox off the Staib Room.

Year End Planning

Please remember the Dolphin Club Account as this tax year comes to an end. We have some significant capital improvement plans for 1999 and beyond!

Use of Funds

Funds are being solicited on behalf of the Friends of Recreation and Parks for the upgrade and improvement of the clubhouse building, pier, decks and other associated improvements located at 502 and 504 Jefferson Street in San Francisco, California; however, in the event that the Friends are unable to use the funds for such purpose, the funds shall be used by the Friends, in its sole discretion, to support public recreation, particularly rowing and Bay swimming, within the City and County of San Francisco.

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Love Among The Dolphins | *Their Stories*

by Nancy Friedman and Tina Scott

Aquatic Park has been the scene of many and varied mating rituals over the last century or so. Club sightings of mating pairs, species *Homo sapiens*, are becoming more common all the time. In addition to venerable Dolphin duos such as Bill and Jackie Powning, Mimi and Dan Osborne, Louise and Carlos Bea, John and Nancy Hornor (celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this year!), Vince and Cathy Huang, Margaret Cutis and Keith Weaver, Larry Scroggins and Lindsay Casablanca, and Rusa Chiu and Reb Anderson, we've observed quite a few Club-spawned bonds—couples who met on the premises within the last two decades and decided to take the big plunge together. Here are some of their stories:



Meg Reilly and Pete Bianucci

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Hoping to meet the significant other of your dreams? Try running for elective office at the Dolphin Club.

It worked for Pete Bianucci, 55, and Meg Reilly, 47, who began serving together on the Board of Governors in 1985. Pete had joined the Club in 1962, Meg in 1982. During much of their Board tenure both were otherwise engaged, romantically speaking, but "years of working together on Club business helped us develop friendship and mutual respect," says Pete.

Fast-forward to July 1992. Both Meg and Pete were attending the Tahoe relay swim. Meg needed a ride, and Pete's daughter Gina Bianucci Rus, also a Dolphin, had an offer. "I'm going up with Brian [her older son], and Dad's driving—why not come with us?" she said. Sounded good to Meg. But the best part came after the swim. At the barbeque on Tahoe Commons beach, Meg and Pete discovered that both were newly single. "We were gazing at the sunset when Joe Ferrero wandered by and commented about how romantic it looked," Meg recalls. "I looked at Pete, he looked at me, and when we looked up, everyone else was gone." "And we haven't been apart since," Pete adds.

Pete proposed in December 1996 during a cross-country ski vacation in Royal Gorge. They spent the next year looking for the right venue—wheelchair-accessible for Pete's mother and on the water for obvious reasons. The ceremony took place March 29, 1998, outside the Presidio Yacht Club in the Marin Headlands with longtime Dolphin Don Harrison who solemnized the vows.

Pete, a service manager for an electrical contractor, and Meg, a lawyer for the Nature Conservancy, live in North Beach, walking distance from the Club. Sixteen years after they met, they're still serving together on the Board—she as president, he as recording secretary and swim commissioner.

Suzy and Tom Silk

Suzy Royce hadn't really wanted to go to the 1994 Dolphin Club dinner dance, and she wasn't having much fun. "It was foggy and freezing, and none of my old buddies were there. I kept thinking, I should have stayed home." Making the best of it, she wandered over to Tom and Christine Gould, who were chatting with someone Suzy didn't recognize. The Goulds introduced her to Tom Silk, "who didn't seem interested at all. I excused myself to get my jacket, and by the time I came back they had all disappeared."



Susy and Tom Silk

But while Suzy was eating dinner, Meg Reilly came over to introduce someone. It was Tom Silk—again. "Why do people keep wanting me to meet you?" Tom asked. "Why do you keep running away?" Suzy retorted.



Marla McGowan and Phil Fernandez

Tom was nonplussed. "My second marriage had just ended, and I was depressed and in a lot of pain," he recalls. "But here was this incredibly bright penny who refused to let me be sad. So I scooped her up and we went to Harry Denton's." And then, says Suzy, "I didn't hear from him for a month. I thought, I've been through this before." Eventually Tom did call, and they went to a movie—and then to Italy for a month. When they returned, Tom bought a cigar at Coit Liquor, removed the band, and got down on his knees in Washington Square and proposed. He followed up with a ring from Tiffany's. They were married on March 9, 1996.

Tom, 60, says it's no accident he met Suzy, 62, at the Club. "For me, the Club is a place of stability and community," he says. "I've very seldom met people there, men or women, who are not caring and thoughtful. And as I got to know Suzy, I saw what a wonderful source of support and energy she was, passionate and compassionate. Just like the Club."

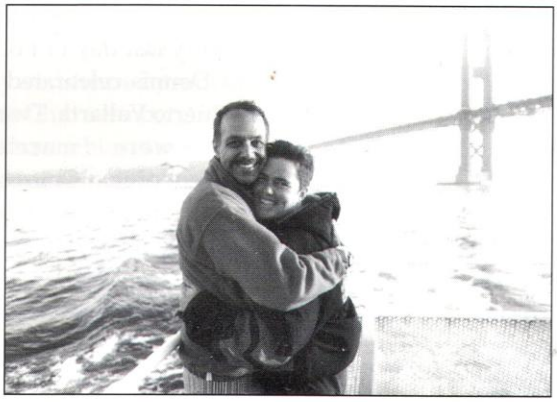
Marla McGowan and Phil Fernandez

Marla thinks she met Phil in the weight room sometime in 1990, about a year after she'd joined the Club. Phil thinks he met Marla after a Sunday run that Dan McGill organized on Mt. Tam. This much we know for sure: their first date was a swim to the flag and back. "She kicked my ass big time," says Phil admiringly. Afterward, they went to Capp's Corner for a pasta dinner.

"I knew nothing about him except he was a good-looking guy and kind of gregarious," says Marla, 43. "He had a great attitude—he was always smiling and laughing. And Minda Rosenthal had mentioned that he was single. But I wasn't looking to get married."

"I'd been married for 19 years and I learned to be very careful about who I was around," says Phil, 58. "I had a good idea of what I wanted—someone who had her head screwed on, who had a good sense of herself—but believe me, I wasn't looking."

While they weren't looking, Phil and Marla fell in love. He proposed to her in 1992, on her birthday, while they were on vacation in Puerto Vallarta. They got married in May 1993, in a City Club ceremony attended by a number of Dolphin friends.



Laura Burtch and Dave Zovickian

Do they recommend the Club as a place to meet a mate? Phil, a real estate developer who joined the Club in 1988, says maybe. "The Club is non-threatening and casual, so it's easy to size up who you're dealing with." Marla, who recently retired after 11 years as a human resources manager, concurs. "It happens when you least expect it," she says. "So just come down to the Club for your own enjoyment!"

Laura Burtch and Dave Zovickian

He was swim commissioner; she was a swimmer with impressive endurance and English Channel ambitions. He noticed her beautiful stroke. She noticed his nice teeth. "And that was before I knew he was a dentist!" she says. Their first dates were on Treasure Island in the pre-dawn hours, taking notes about the currents. Later, he'd accompany her in a kayak or Avon, counting strokes as she swam for four, six, ten hours in the Bay.

By the time Laura returned from a 1992 English Channel relay swim, folks at the Club were whispering. In 1993, when Laura and Dave left together for her first solo Channel attempt, folks were talking out loud. (Unfortunately, jellyfish attacks cut that swim short. Laura had a successful crossing the following year.) Characteristically, Dave and Laura kept their relationship private until January 1995, when they announced their engagement at Dave's annual Armenian Christmas party.

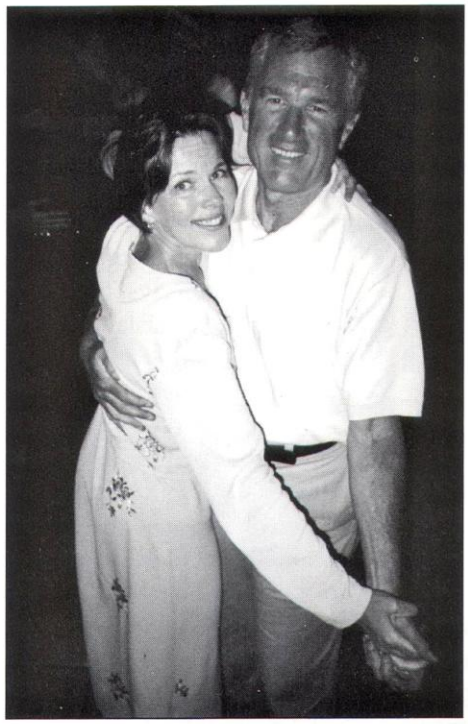
The Club was the hub of their courtship. "We were on a similar 6 a.m. schedule," Laura recalls. "I'd ride my bike to the Club..." "...and I got inspired to ride with her," Dave finishes. Laura's office—she's a psychotherapist—was near Dave's house.

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She'd stop by to say hello, "and there he'd be, watching Nickelodeon and typing up swim results." Dave proposed the weekend of the 1994 Golden Gate swims. Their Lake Tahoe wedding featured an aquatic-themed cake and a post-ceremony swim for newlyweds and guests. They honeymooned in Dover, England, helping fellow Dolphin John Selmer complete his own Channel crossing.



Carol and Dennis Watson

Dave, 41, and Laura, 35, are expecting their first child around Thanksgiving. Meanwhile, they share their Noe Valley home with rabbits Ed, Myrtle, and Wanda. They swim almost every morning. After the baby is born, they say, they're counting on "Uncle" Lou and "Uncle" Moon for Dolphin daycare.

Carol and Dennis Watson

Sometimes you can win by just spectating. Carol and Dennis met the day of the 1983 Alcatraz swim while watching the finish from the Club's dock. "I thought he was nice, but I had to ask his name two or three times because I'm so bad with names," says Carol. When she got home that evening she called every Dennis Watson in the San Francisco phone book. "There were four, and he was the fourth," she recalls. They met at Kimball's, the now-defunct jazz club on Hayes Street the following evening. "We had a nice time but left in separate cars, and I didn't hear from him for a while." Nearly a month, as a matter of fact.

When Dennis finally did call, the momentum accelerated. "Carol talked me into doing the Polar Bear swim that year," Dennis says. "I figured I had to do it or lose face." Neither had been much of a swimmer. Carol had taught herself to swim in the cove shortly after joining the Club in 1981. But there's something about meeting four times a week for three months and swimming together in cold water that cements a relationship. Going out for breakfast afterward at the Eagle Cafe didn't hurt, either. Nor did the fact that on the very last day of Polar Bear, Carol and Dennis celebrated by taking off for Puerto Vallarta. Two months later, they were married at the Swedenborgian Church on Lyon St.

These days Carol, 50, and Dennis, 54, come to the Club two or three times a week. She's a lawyer, he's a computer programmer. Both live and work in the East Bay, so they make a special commute to swim, except in the winter: Not since that first romantic season has either of them swum the Polar Bear.

Diane and Joe Schatz

Joe Schatz was the third person Diane Swanson met after she joined the Dolphin Club in 1983. It was not an auspicious encounter. "I'd been swimming with James Vanya, and as I came out of the water Joe came up and introduced himself. Vanya said, `Don't talk to that man—he'll just break your heart.'"

But Diane saw past the bad-boy bachelor reputation. She found out that Joe, a lawyer, worked downtown near her office. A couple of months later she asked him out to lunch. "From the beginning," she recalls, "it was clear that we shared a lot of values." At the Dolphin Club holiday party that year, Joe invited Diane to another party. They began dating seriously not long afterward. "We rowed together and piloted each other in swims," Diane remembers. They were married at 7 a.m. on May 9, 1986, on the Dolphin Club porch. Diane was 25, Joe was 39. Officiating was Judge Malcolm Champlin, a friend of theirs and a relative of Club members Louise Bea and Suzy Silk. He told the newlyweds, "When I marry people, it sticks." ("He was right," Joe says today.) Club member "Monsignor" Dan Murphy was their witness. There were no guests. As their wedding announcement put it, "We just wanted to do it ourselves." They mailed the announcement en route to the airport, where they embarked on a three-week honeymoon in Brazil and Argentina.

"A lot of people at the Club thought it was a practical joke," Diane says now. "They thought Joe would never get married."

Today, Diane and Joe are the parents of Bruno, 8, and Greta, 2. And 12 years after the "practical joke," they're still having the last laugh.

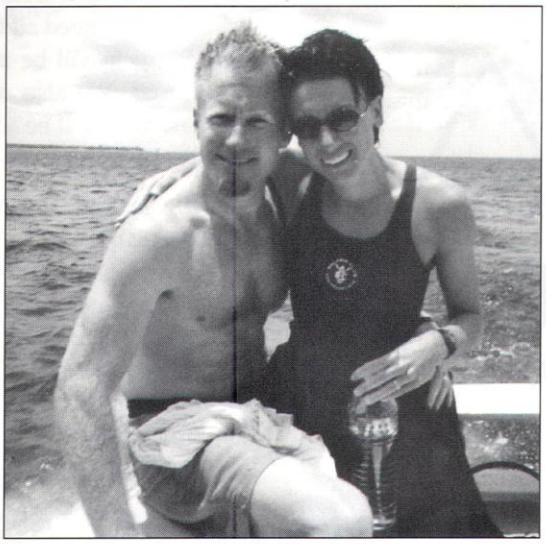
Jenny and Erik vonBlankenburg

If you're anxious about introducing yourself to a young lady in the Dolphin Club, you might try Erik vonBlankenburg's approach: catch her when she's coming out of the bay, her speech slurred by the cold.

As new members in 1996, Erik, then 32, and Jenny Muth, 28, had noticed each other for months in the weight room. After her weight-room

workout, Jenny would swim in the cove. Erik couldn't help admiring Jenny's gutsiness. "If that scrawny little girl can get in that water and train for Alcatraz," he thought, "so can I." On his first trip to the flag, he ran into Jenny, who was alarmed by his blackened face. Erik, a general contractor, had just finished tearing down a chimney from the inside, and hadn't stopped to shower.

On October 11, 1996, Erik finally asked Jenny out. She accepted, violating her own rule against dating Club members. "I considered the Club a special retreat where I didn't want to be encumbered by broken romances," she explains. In fact, after their first date, Jenny regretted her decision. But Erik was persistent: every night for the next week, he asked her out for dinner after her swim—when, naturally, she was starving. Finally, Jenny relented. And as she got to know Erik, she figured she'd have to make it work. After all, his parents, Conrad and Kathryn, are also Dolphin Club members— "and if it didn't work out, I'd have to drop out of the Club!"



Jenny and Erick vonBlankenburg

Erik proposed exactly a year after their first date, on the boat after their first Golden Gate swim, with the Blue Angels flying overhead and Jenny still shaking from the cold. They eloped a month later.

Jenny, a dental hygienist, opted out of the Golden Gate swim this year: she's expecting their first child in March. The newest vonBlankenburg will inherit three generations of bay swimming experience: great-granddad (Conrad's father) swam the Gate before the bridge was built.

But Wait, There's More!

This just in: Club members Deanne Bianucci (daughter of Pete) and Sean Hartnett (son of Neil, nephew of Kevin) celebrated their marriage September 26, 1998, in Sonoma County. The most recent Dolphin newlyweds were introduced to each other by Club member Al de la Peña. Soon a romance blossomed, with the two of them spending lots of time together at the Club. Their engagement was announced at Pete and Meg's wedding earlier this year (Deanne also happened to be the lucky recipient of Meg's bouquet toss!). Congratulations to them and to all the Dolphins who have found their mates in our romantic environs.

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Dolphin Club Account

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old stand.

If someone said that the water was not amenable to swimming that day, he would regard the information with a bemused smile that was reminiscent of the Mona Lisa, as though it were a matter beyond his comprehension, or beneath his notice. His countryman Descartes made a famous statement: Cogit Ergo Sum (I think, therefore I am.) For him, it probably would have been: I am, therefore I swim.

As he entered his ninth decade, his physical condition had visibly weakened; but if his stride and his stroke wavered, his resolve never did. Eventually, he seemed to be so frail that willpower was all he had left; but it was enough.

When I was much younger, I was forced to read Le Chanson de Roland, the partly legendary tale of Charlemagne's foremost paladin who was ambushed while conducting a rearguard action through the Pyrenees. He sounded his horn to warn the King; then he lowered his visor, couched his lance, and charged headlong at the Saracen horde. He continued charging until he was surrounded and slain. It

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Swim Commisssioner's Report

By Pete Bianucci

The Dolphin Club is Ready to Turn the Tide on the South End

The end of the year is approaching. It's time to give thanks to a few people that have given you a great year of swimming. I have had two big helpers. Without them, parts of the program would not have happened. Dave Zovickian started by helping put together the swim schedule. I have checked timing of jump-offs with Dave all year. He has also managed the pilots and handled the test swims where needed. The second member is Anthony (Tony) DuComb. He has handled the paperwork. He sets up sign-in, timing, recording, and runs home to complete the results. Other members that have given to the program all year are Jackie Merivoch, swim fees and sign-in; Pat McGarvey, keeping tract of swims, pilots, and helps; and Alberto de la Peña helping with the Arias. Suzie Dods handled the kitchen the first part of the year—Pat Howard filled in the last part of the year. Plan ahead for next year. These jobs will once again need to be filled for a successful swim program.





Once more into the brine



Southwest Ho!

Photographs by Susanne Friedrich

Dolphin/South End Inter Club Biathlon October 18, 1998

The South End is ready to kick our *butts* this year. The Triathlon will be a swim from Yacht harbor at 7:30 a.m., then a run to Fort Point or a row around Alcatraz. You can swim and then either run or row. The South End has beat us more than we would like to remember. Mark October 18 on your schedule. We need all the help we can get. A lunch will be provided at the South End. We also need pilots and helpers. This will be a fun day for all. *Beat the South End.*

Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon, October 25, 1998

It's time. Applications are out. All applications need to be turned in by Thursday, October 22. Do the complete event or be part of a relay. The swimmer needs to be a member of the Dolphin or South End for six months. If you are not a "qualified" swimmer, you will be given a test. We need pilots and many helpers. Any one that helps will be given a tee-shirt and can come to the awards dinner at no cost. Guests are welcome for a small fee. The course will not be marked. So, you will need to know the route. Talk to any one who has done it in the past or me. ☠

Dolphin Swim Statistics

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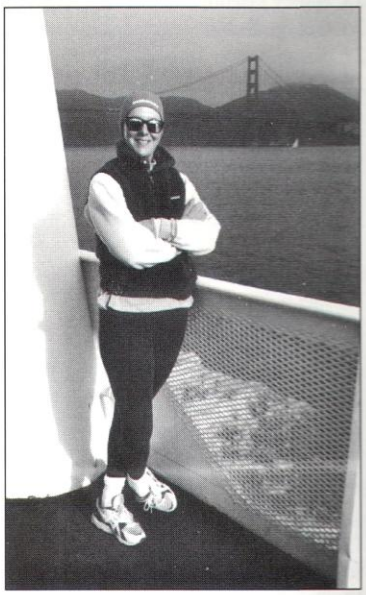
Twillight Cove
June 19, 1998

Jump off: 6:10 p.m.; tide: flood, but not so strong as expected; conditions: strong breeze, small white caps in the cove.

Long Course

1. Suzanne Heim 21:22
1. Sean Kelly 21:22
3. Steve Schatz 23:34
4. John Lennox 25:44
5. Eric Burke 25:48
6. Elmer Tosta 25:49
7. Cathy Huang 25:51
8. Paul Wolf 26:02
9. Margaret Keenan 26:10
10. Eric von Blankenburg .. 26:11
11. Phil Scarborough 26:40
12. Sunny McKee 27:03
13. Mark McKee 27:14
14. Tom Hoffman 27:23
15. Todd Oppenheimer 27:27
16. Joe Illick 27:44

Photograph by Susan Lauritzen



Glamor girl on Golden Gate

17. Vince Huang 27:48
18. Phil Rollins 27:49
19. Dave Zovickian 27:59
20. Krist Jake 28:24
21. David Shutt 28:40
22. Kelly Flynn 28:57
23. Teresa Ouano 29:56
24. Kate Coleman 30:03
25. Ed Urban 30:13
26. Jenny vonBlankenburg .. 30:36
27. Robin Rome 30:40
28. Mike Webb 31:01
29. Barry Christian 32:49
30. Ben Owen 33:03
31. John Hornor 33:05
32. Tina Scott 33:19
33. Lorna Newlin 33:40
34. Tom Dugan 33:44
35. Norm Duffett 34:51
36. Nancy Hornor 35:07
37. Milo Fay 36:17
38. Mark Mullen 37:17
39. Sandy Lehmkuhl 37:48
40. Boris Rozenberg 38:04
41. Steve Worthington 40:06
42. Dennis Williams 42:48
43. Dolores Meehan 43:27
44. Gary Ehrsam 46:01
45. Peter Butler 48:51

Short Course

1. Era Osibe 19:01
2. Tina Rienzo 19:19
3. Diana Coleman 19:22
4. Rick Buckley 21:30
5. Laurie McNeill 22:33
6. Sara McCuskey 22:59
7. John Theede 23:51
8. James Vanya No Time Recorded

Pilots: Barbara Byrnes, Phil Fernandez, and Susan Lauritzen.

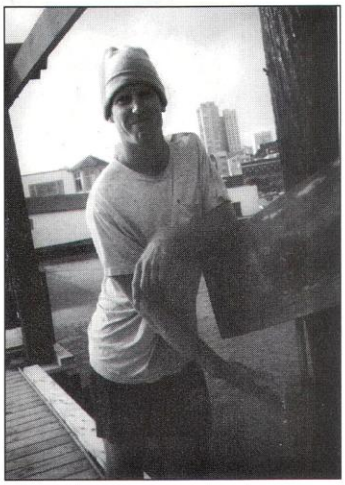
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Twilight Pier 43
July 10, 1998

Jump off: 6:20 p.m.; water temp: 57 F ; air temp: 59 F; current: lousy ebb; wind: in your face; BBQ: fun for all.

1. Becky Fenson 18:20
2. John Selmer 19:36
3. Steve Schatz 20:55
4. Marla McGowan 22:00
5. Allen Budenz 22:19
6. David Rich 22:26
7. George Kebbe 22:32
8. Mark Wilson 22:45
9. Jon Nakamura 22:50
10. Eric vonBlankenburg ... 23:32
11. Laura Burtch 23:35
12. Jeff Deren 23:57
13. Suzie Dods 24:19
14. Phil Scarborough 24:26
15. Dan Osborne 24:36
16. Mark McKee 25:01
17. Margaret Keenan 25:05
18. Dennis Deisinger 25:07
19. Michelle Sheilds 25:15
20. Conrad vonBlankenburg .. 25:25
21. Sunny McKee 26:08
22. Kelly Flynn 26:16
23. David Shutt 26:55
24.Barbara Burns 27:07
25. Janice Kelly 27:30
25. Mark O'Hara 27:30
27. Debbie Bispo 27:35
28. Bob Colyar 27:42
29. Eric Shakelford 27:44
30. Holly Welles 27:49
31. Joe Ferrero 28:32
32. Mark Fogg 29:06
34. Norm Duffet 30:00
33. Glynn Jones 29:14
35. Susan Cobb 30:47
36. Trish Miller 30:52
37. Phil Fernandez 31:22
38. Mark Mullen 31:58
39. Ken Coren 32:09
40. Pam Stillwagon 32:14
41. Ben Owen 32:36
42. John Hornor 32:50
43. Lorna Newlin 33:08
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46. Roger Kleid 34:23
47. Louise Bea 34:36
48. Steve Worthington 35:04
49. Nancy Hornor 35:35
50. Annette Murphy 39:50
51. Dahlia Kamesar 44:02
52. Dolores Meehan 44:57
53. Debby Rose 46:32
54. Peter Butler 48:02
55. Jack Kamesar 48:22
Theresa Ouano DNF

Pilots: Emily Roth, Rich Cooper, Pete Bianucci, Neil Harnett, Jim Fagan, Bob Blum, Nick Blum, Phil Kohlenberg, David Zovickian, Ed deCossio, Gary Ehrsam, Bob Allen, Susan Allen, Tom Hoffmann, Susan Shippman, Dennis Deisinger, Bob Colyar, Chuck Vogt, Bob Fewster, Kevin Harding,Renee Harding, and Matt Sheridan.



Dolphin Grunger or Rowing Ace?

Photograph by Susanne Friedrich

Helpers: Diane Schatz, Anthony DuComb, Dennis Deisinger, Bob Colyar, Nick Blum, Mark Mullen, Pam Stillwagon, Debbie Bispo, Carlos Bea, Jennny vonBlankenburg, Bonnie Winn, Anna Ratkovich, Gina Russ, Meg Reilly, Tina Scott, Matt Sheridan, and Conrad von Blankenburg.

Over 60 Cover
July 12, 1998

Jump off: 10:00 a.m.; water temp: 58 F ; air temp: 62 F ; water conditions: flat; day: sunny and truly special.

Short, Short Course

1. Bill Powning 21:59

Short Course

1. Jack Fleming 13:36
2. Jim Vanya 14:19
3. Bob Hoff 19:10
4. Pat Clancy 23:53
5. John Davis 24:24



Dolphin Varsity Team

6. Lou Marcelli 24:44
7. Bob McKenzie 24:45
8. Hal Miramonte 28:04

LONG COURSE

1. Dan Osborne 19:00
2. Bob Fewster 21:06
3. Glynn Jones 21:49
4. Jack Bettencourt 25:50
5. Tom Kernan 27:13
6. Dan McGill 28:23
7. Carlos Bea 28:38
8. Mimi Osborne * 32:22
9. Keith Weaver 33:47
10. Peter Butler 34:00
11. Nick Zoller 34:25
12. Don Reid 34:30
13. David Broadbear 34:38
14. Walt Schneebeli 34:45
15. Steve North 39:30
16. Jack Kamesar 41:20

* First and only female

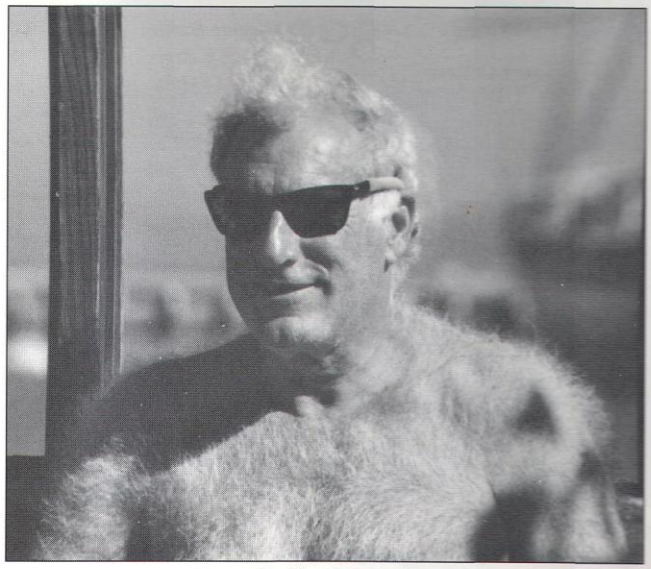
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Trans Tahoe Relay Dolphin Teams

PIG BUSTERS

Elmer Tosta
Lorna Newlin
Phil Scarborough



Peter Butler: King of Cool

Becky Fenson
Heidi Schriefer
Vince Huang

DOLPHIN/USF WOMEN

Cathy Huang
Susan Allen
Linda Stanley
Marla McGowan
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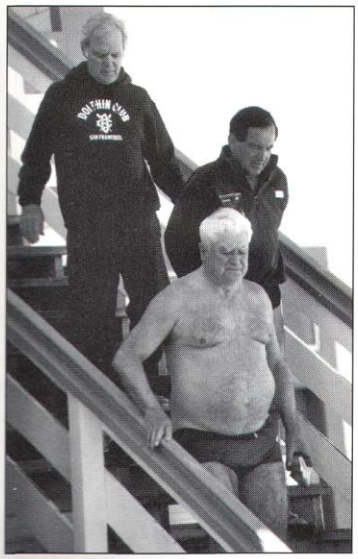
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Alan Budenz
Tom Schatz
Steve Schatz

Over 45 Gas House Cove
July 25, 1998

Jump off: 10:45 a.m.; water temp: 60 F; air temp: 64 F; current: nice flood; water conditions: a bit of chop and a lot of fishing lines.

1. John Selmer 15:53
2. Sean Kelly 15:54
3. Duke Dahlin 16:55
4. John Lennox 18:05
5. Elmer Tosta 18:44
6. Peter Darlington 18:49
7. Susan Allen 18:50
8. Pat McGarvey 19:01
9. Diane Sosnoski 19:01
10. Phil Rollins 19:01
11. Diane Sosnoski 19:02
12. Todd Oppenheimer 19:09
13. Dan Osborne 19:18
14. Conrad vonBlankenburg .. 19:27
15. Bob Colyar 19:51
16. Vince Huang 19:56
17. Peter Neubauer 20:00



Vanya and company

18. Bob Fewster 20:06
19. Bonnie Winn 20:13
20. Peter Urrea 20:44
21. Kris Jake 21:00
22. Mark Richard 21:07
23. Robin Rome 21:33
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25. Nancy Friedman 21:53
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55. Don Reid 32:14
56. Pavla Podolska 32:50
57. Steve North 34:31
Carlos Bea DNF
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Santa Cruz
August 1, 1998
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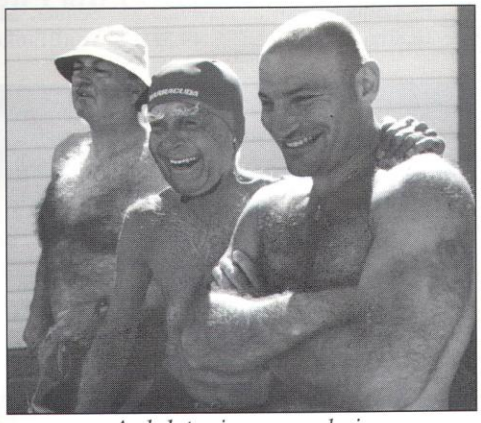
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Marla McGowan
Bob Fewster
Loretta Madden
Barbara Byrnes
Dennis Deisinger

Fort Point
August 8, 1998

Jump off: 9:10 a.m.; conditions: windy, cold air at start; choppy water; current: great flood, but back wash near Fort; day: gray, but a great swim, with lots of sailboats.

1. Heather Royer 52:58
2. Becky Fenson 53:06
3. Heidi Schriefer 1:00:08
4. Laura Merkl 1:01:45
5. Jeff Deren 1:02:26
6. Alan Budenz 1:03:43
7. Paul Wolf 1:03:43
8. Bob Kaufman 1:03:52
9. Brett Graessle 1:04:31
10. Phil Rollins 1:05:17
11. Phil Scarborough .. 1:07:01
12. Margaret Keenan .. 1:07:27
13. Conrad vonBlankenburg 1:08:19
14. Mark McKee 1:08:41
15. Larry Scroggins 1:10:05
16. Peter McLaughlin . 1:11:07
17. Joe Ferrero 1:11:09
18. Neal Powers 1:11:25
19. Dennis Deisinger .. 1:11:36
20. Peter Neubaur 1:11:58
21. Marc Richard 1:13:55
22. Steve Counselman 1:14:04
23. Pam Stillwagon 1:14:24
24. Anthony DuComb 1:14:30
25. Susan Cobb 1:14:32
26. Suzie Dods 1:14:39
27. Sunny McKee 1:15:15
28. Bob Allan 1:15:15
29. Kelly Flynn 1:16:00
30. Tom Kernan 1:18:12

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A club tonic: camaraderie, laughter, and sunlight

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Helpers: Susan Anson, Lorna Newlin, Alan Budenz, Jackie Merovich, Eric Burke, Paul Wolf, Mark McKee's Parents, Jon Nakamura, Rudy DeMay, Phil Fernandez, Marla McGowan, Will Powning, Pavla Podolska, Elmer Tosta, Mimi Osborne, Anthony DuComb, Robin Rome, David Broadbear, Patrick Brent, Dennis Deisinger, Neil Harnett, Dan Osborne, Paul Wolf, John Lennox, Bob Kaufman, and Diane Schatz.

Joe Bruno Golden Gate
August 15, 1998
Slow Day

Jump off: 7:20 a.m.; water temp: 61 F; air temp: 55° F; over all conditions: gray, overcast, heavy chop with swells and wind; currents: generally uncooperative.

1. John Lennox 34:12
2. Paul Wolf 35:26
3. Dennis Deisinger 36:06
4. Diane Sosnoski 39:40
5. George Robin 40:42
6. Robin Rome 41:07
7. Susan Cobb 41:50
8. Jackie Merovich 43:58
9. Bob Fewster 44:20

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10. Kate Coleman 44:28
11. Steve Counselman ... 44:33
12. Anthony DuComb ... 46:33
13. Lee Hammack 46:50
14. Joe Ferrero 48:03
15. Lorna Newlin 49:29
16. Chuck Perkins 49:51



Pat, Jenny, and Al enjoying the Summer Dance

17. Mark Mullen 50:02
18. Tina Scott 50:34
19. Norm Duffet 51:02
20. Conrad Liberty 53:56
21. Lousie Bea 55:08
22. John Hornor 55:55
23. Susan Anson 56:50
24. Nancy Hornor 58:15
25. Ken Coren 59:25
26. Boris Rosenberg ... 1:01:15
27. Susan Lauritzen 1:01:49
28. Tom Kernan 1:02:39
29. Steve Lathram 1:03:02
30. Larry Wisch 1:05:13
31. Gail Gyrnbaum 1:09:15
32. Mary Cantini-Norkin 1:14:07
33. Sandy Lehmkuhl ... 1:14:22
34. Dolores Meehan 1:19:19
35. Pavla Podolska 1:24:25
36. Gary Ehrsam 1:28:40
37. Sara McCuskey 1:29:17

Time Not Recorded: Dahlia Kamesar,Jack Kamesar, Nick Strelchuk, Steve North, Nancy Friedman, Elaine Koverman, Don Reid, and Peter Butler.

Pilots: Susan Allen, Bob Blum, Alan Budenz, Andy Camous, Barry Christian, Rich Cooper, Bob Danielson, Peter Darlington, Mark Deadder, Ed DeCossio, Al De La Peña, Peter Drino, Jim Fagan, Becky Fenson, Mara Frattasio, K. Michael Flynn, Colin Gift, Don Harrison, Reuben Hechonova, Phil Kohlenberg, Dan McGill, Jon Nakamura, John Pelka, Marc Richard-Fogg, Larry Scoggins, John Selmer, Matt Sheridan, Conrad vonBlankenburg, and Dave Zovickian.

Helpers: Lousie Bea, Pete Bianucci, Nick Blum, Peter Butler, Lindsay Casablanca, Susan Cobb, Micki Cole, Ken Coren, John Davis, Jeff Deren, Suzie Dods, Anthony DuComb, Mineko Gallic, George Kebbe, Margaret Keenan, Phil Kohlenberg, Lou Marcelli, Laura Merkel, Jackie Merovich, Lorna Newlin, Pat North, Dan Osborne, Mimi Osborne, Heather Royer, Heidi Schriefer, Nick Strelchuk, Megan Sullivan, Elmer Tosta, Eric vonBlankenburg, and Jennie vonBlankenburg.

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Joe Bruno Golden Gate
August 16, 1998
Fast Day

Jump off: 8:40 a.m.; water temp: 61 F; air temp: 60 F; overall conditions: slight chop, but with sun and easy wind; currents: cooperative.

1. Becky Fenson 21:50
2. Sean Kelly 22:50
3. Scott Haskins * 23:24
4. Heidi Schriefer 24:29
5. John Selmer 24:30
6. Jon Nakamura 25:00
7. Alan Budenz 25:48
8. John Pelka 26:00
9. Jeff Deren 26:15
10. George Kebbe 26:55
11. Elmer Tosta 27:09
12. Eric vonBlankenburg 27:11
13. Dave Zovickian 27:29
14. Todd Oppenheimer .. 28:02
15. Conrad vonBlankenburg 28:05
16. Suzie Dods 28:30
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19. Mark McKee 28:39
20. Megan Sullivan 28:47
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31. Diane Schatz 30:38
32. Vince Huang 30:48
33. Bonnie Winn 30:59
34. Mark Richard-Fogg . 31:02
35. Joe Illick 31:05
36. Barry Christian ** ... 33:31
37. Pam Stillwagon 34:19
38. Ben Owen 34:32
39. Theresa Ouano 34:45
40. Jery Cullen 37:01

* First Pollywog
** First City Employee

Pilots: Lousie Bea, Peter Butler, Rich Cooper, Ken Coren, Steve Counselman, Paul Cummings, Bob Danielson, Al de la Peña, Rudy DeMay, Tom Duggan, Gary Ehrsam, Mara Frattasio, Colin Gift, Roger Hanson, Don Harrison, Neal Harnett, Reuben Hechonova, Dennis Hodges, Phil Kohlenberg, Susan Lauritzen, Flicka McGurrin, Jackie Merovich, Chuck Perkins, Phil Reiff, George Robin, Boris Rosenberg, Neal Snyderman, and Matt Sheridan.

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became known as the Battle of Roncesvalles, and it enshrined Roland in the foremost pantheon of French heroes. I remember thinking that it was a good story, but hardly realistic. Who would behave that way? Who indeed. Au revoir, Monsieur Gallic—your forceful resolve will be a beacon to me all my life.

—Brian Gilbert

Have you ever wondered just how heavy the boat your rowing is? We thought you might find these statistics interesting

Year	Name	Weight
Whitehall Singles		
1976	Good Luck	187
1948	Foster	198
1948	Baggiani	207
1948	Landucci	209
1988	Bruno	212
1989	Cecco	218.75
Whitehall Doubles		
1917	Farrell	350
1938	Cronin	376
1938	Hughs	380
1938	Viking	270
Training Crafts		
1974	Horse	382
1981	Small	247
1981	Evans	302
1981	Cuthbert	264
1987	Austin	205
n/a	Specter	261
n/a	Howard	248
Six Station Barge		
1887	Wieland	588

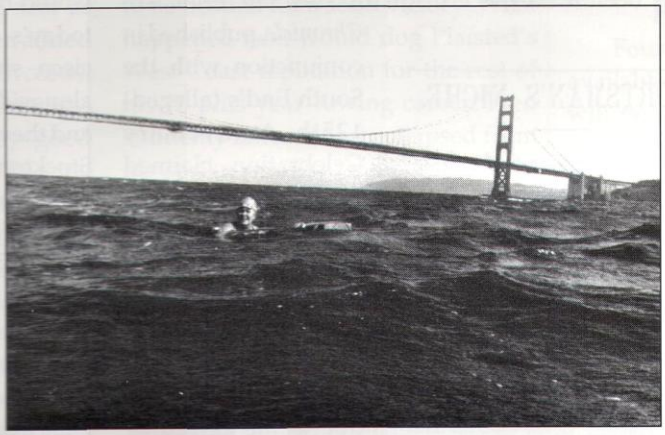
Clarification

Sentences #4 & 5 in the article titled "The First Woman to Swim the Gate"(Winter '97, Page 10) were the additions of the

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THE GOLDEN GATE SWIM | *by Gail Grynbaum*

Editor's note: *Swimming the Golden Gate inspires almost all who take it on. To some who make the crossing it's a rollicking, tiring and mostly benign outing. For others, it can be a true test of the spirit. Here is one such account from the August 15, 1998 Golden Gate swim:*



I did the Golden Gate swim today. Jump off was at 7:30 a.m., at high tide, heading from San Francisco to Marin. The water was warm, in the low 60's, yet had tall swells. As soon as I jumped in I knew it would be difficult—the water was wild. I had a hard time getting the rhythm to my breathing. Pete Bianucci had briefed us to swim parallel to the Bridge and then let the currents bring us underneath the span and toward the finish at Lime Rock. As I swam I couldn't quite see the top of the Bridge because of the thick fog. I frequently felt disoriented and couldn't figure out where midspan was—where the cable came down or went up? Not only was the weather foggy but my mind also felt clouded.

As I approached the North Tower I thought I should be heading under the Bridge towards the Rock. I couldn't progress against the strong ebb tide and must have swim in place for twenty minutes. I was frightened. For several minutes I thought I wasn't going to make it. I swam yet couldn't feel any resistance. The waves were getting bigger and I couldn't see any swimmers. There were no pilots within yelling distance. The thought came to me: "I could die here. This could be it." No flashes of my life in front of me, just the thought of death. Then I realized, "I can't just go without a struggle" and began to wave my arm for help, hoping someone would see me. I tried to calm my panic by imagining my husband and another friend on the shore waiting for me. I thought about swimming toward them. I told myself I could do it and not to give up. After a couple of minutes I saw Rich Cooper and he rowed over. I was ready to give up and be pulled out, yet he didn't come close enough—he couldn't because the water was too rough. He pointed out the way. I followed. Finally I made easy progress, heading straight for shore. Then Barry Christian came over in a kayak. I got close to the North Tower and the back ebb caught me in her arms and I started moving towards Lime rock—away from the open ocean which had been pulling me out just moments before. I asked Barry to stay with me. He encouraged me with, "Go for the stick, head for the rock, you can do it." I saw the rock and the wetsuited man holding out my stick, number 30. I later found out that our of the 47 initial swimmers, two were pulled out within the first five minutes, eight were pulled out at a variety of points under the Bridge span, and 37 of us ended up finishing. The experience felt like a dream, in which I plunged into the depths of the unconscious and then resurfaced into waking life. I had been in the water for an hour and ten minutes.

Once aboard the boat, it was all about the body—who had to puke, who got scratched up from being pulled into the boat, who was freezing, who drank too much sea water. Shivering, shaking bodies were everywhere. People huddled with one another unselfconsciously—even sitting on each other for warmth. Then came humor to break the tension. One man said he was so cold he wouldn't be able to have an erection for a week. We finally headed to Pier 43 1/2 and the warmth of the showers, sauna, and food at the Dolphin Club.

Then the denouement. We all told our war stories. We each listened intently and then recounted our own. We told them over and over, each debriefing the other. We'd all been through this group adventure—close to the stuff of life together. It's was like a shared experience of an altered state—not a rave nor dropping acid , but "Swimming the Gate," the ultimate body/mind experience. I guess that's why we do it once a year—for the thrill, the aliveness, the feeling of living on the edge, in what may otherwise be fairly ordinary lives. The experience of this swim has added a special glow to the Golden Gate Bridge and to my life.

Photograph by Susan Lauritzen

A Tale of Two South Ends

1873?
1876?
1881?

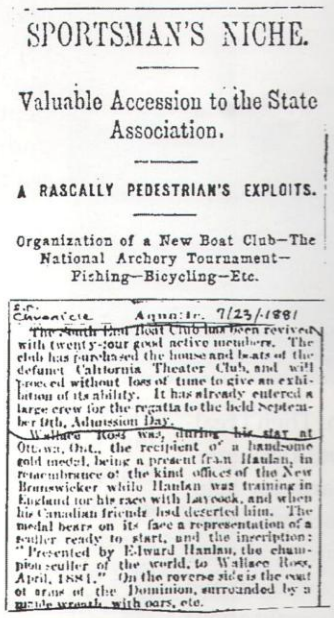
By Bill Pickelhaupt

The correct date of the South End Rowing Club's founding has been a subject of confusion for over 80 years, no more so than among South End members themselves.

A South End program from June 4, 1916, issued to celebrate what they then believed was the 40th anniversary of the Club's start, said the South End was organized in 1876. An article in the March 1900 issue of *Outing* magazine by sports writer Arthur Inkersley said the Club began in 1880. And for several years the South End building proudly displayed on its Jefferson Street side the 1880 date as the genesis of the Club.

In the 1970s, Phil Hunter was given a copy of a June 1873 notice from *Aquatic Monthly* by Bill Walden of the Dolphin Club. It said the South End Boat Club had been founded on May 5, 1873. These men came from Maine, Scotland and Ireland. The San Francisco Chronicle of May 9, 1873 corroborates this date. But it can be argued strongly that the first South End Boat Club went defunct in 1874, with the current South End established in 1881. At stake is more than bragging rights between the South End and Dolphin Clubs over which is the older club: There is a tragic though factual story to tell about the first South End that is interesting, exciting and important to West Coast rowing history.

A recent article in the August 8, 1998 edition of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, published in conjunction with the South End's (alleged) 125th Anniversary Celebration, claimed the South End was formed in 1873 to meet the challenges hurled at them by the Golden Gate Rowing Club. All rowing regattas were in fact canceled in 1881 due to the assassination attempt and later death of President James Garfield. In addition, no Golden Gate Rowing Club existed in 1873, although one did exist in 1882. That Golden Gate Rowing Club descended from the first South End Boat Club, which was founded in 1873 (which poses the interesting philosophical question of whether the 1882 race was against a different club or whether it was an intra-club affair). However, according to a *San Francisco Chronicle* article in 1881, the current South End Rowing Club was founded in 1881.



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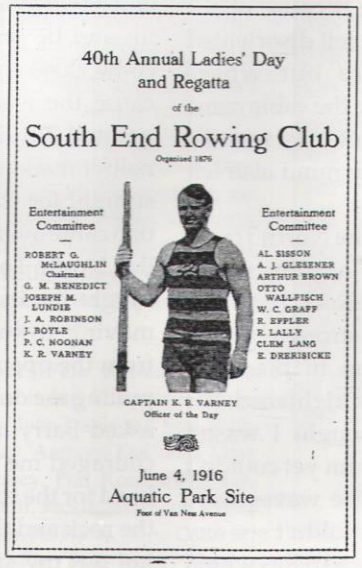
The South End Boat Club has been revived with twenty-four good active members. The club has purchased the house and boats of the defunct California Theater Club, and will proceed without loss of time to give an exhibition of its ability. It has already entered a large crew for the regatta to be held September 9th, Admission Day.

Wallace Ross was, during his stay at Ottawa, Ont., the recipient of a handsome gold medal, being a present from Hanlan, in remembrance of the kind offices of the New Brunswicker while Hanlan was training in England for his race with Laycock, and when his Canadian friends had deserted him. The medal bears on its face a representation of a sculler ready to start, and the inscription: "Presented by Edward Hanlan, the champion sculler of the world, to Wallace Ross, April, 1881." On the reverse side is the coat of arms of the Dominion, surrounded by a maple wreath, with oars, etc.

Did the South End start in 1881...

Rowing after the Civil War took the United States by storm: individuals came together to compete against each other, sometimes for cash prizes that would be equal to $10,000 or more in today's currency. In 1873 San Francisco, six other rowing clubs existed alongside the South End Boat Club, and they also faced crews from Vallejo, Stockton and Sacramento for money and glory. So the South End faced a dozen clubs in its quest for victory. West Coast collegiate rowing was nonexistent in 1873.

In its first regatta, July 4th 1873, the South Enders came in third of six entries according to the July 5, 1873 *San Francisco Chronicle*. The biggest statewide competition in the early 1870s was at the California Agricultural Fair in Sacramento. The Fair was staged to coincide with California's Admission Day celebration on September 9th. The South End crew was defeated by the Pioneer Rowing Club of San Francisco and Alert Club of Vallejo, per the September 18, 1873 *San Francisco Chronicle*. McAvoy and Landers, both of Maine, recruited a very able oarsman in an effort to turn their fortunes around. Fred Plaisted, a 23-year-old Whitehall boatman, also of Maine, was a legend in San Franciso's rowing community. He was said to have won a Whitehall boat race in San Francisco in 1867, at the age of 17. In a story Fred recounted innumerable times in his later years, he also collected $500 in gold, and decided to head to China in search of adventure. On his



40th Annual Ladies' Day and Regatta

of the

South End Rowing Club

Organized 1876

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Officer of the Day

June 4, 1916
Aquatic Park Site
Foot of Van Ness Avenue

...or in 1876?

return, he took up the profession of boatman again, supplying ships with their needs, whether carrying cargo or shanghaiing sailors.

The next big regatta was the Thanksgiving competition off Long Bridge, near today's Mission Rock. Fred, who rowed under the *nom de guerre* Charles Brown, had been added as stroke (stroke sets the pace in crew); and the South End Boat Club crew was noticeably better. Were they good enough to beat the Pioneer Rowing Club, the best crew in the state? An accidental encounter on Mission Creek when both clubs had their best crews out for practice suggests they were good enough. The *Vallejo Weekly Chronicle* of November 22, 1873 wrote that the South End had the better of it – and the behavior of the Pioneer crew at the Thanksgiving regatta strongly suggests the South End indeed did have a better crew.

The South End was matched to face the Riverside Rowing Club of Sacramento and the Pioneers in their quest for money and fame on Thanksgiving. The Riverside boat had been damaged and they could not compete, while the Pioneers chose to leave their boat in the boathouse, instead taunting the South Enders from a safe spot on Long Bridge. They would row for no less than $500, they yelled. When the South Enders set off from the start, leisurely rowing their boat, *Red Rover*, through the course in order to collect the forfeit money, the Pioneers cried out that they would row the South End after the South Enders had finished, according to the November 28th, 1873 *San Francisco Chronicle*. That did not happen, but all winter, challenges were hurled back and forth until March 1874, when articles of agreement were signed by both clubs for a race to be held on St. Patrick's Day of that year, with a purse of $550 (equal to about $11,000 today), winner take all.

St. Patrick's Day arrived, and the supporters of both clubs came out in force. Betting favored the South Enders. So great was the interest that the San Francisco City Directory of 1874 reported the outcome among its noteworthy events of the year. The *Red Rover* led the Pioneer's *La Esperance*, rounding the marker stake and looked to be headed for a solid victory. What happened next would dog Plaisted's West Coast reputation for the rest of his 70-plus year rowing career: Fred suddenly faltered and collapsed from his stroke position, although at least one other story reported he had broken his outrigger. Whatever happened, the *Red Rover's* crew was now reduced to three oarsmen from four, and *La Esperance* overtook her adversary, winning the race by a boat length, wrote the *San Francisco Chronicle*, March 18th, 1874. Fred moved permanently to the East Coast, where more money was available in the frequent professional races there.

The South End Boat Club was bankrupted by the loss and had to combine with the Friendship Rowing Club (itself a product of the union of the California Boat Club and Oakleaf Rowing Club), under future publisher A.M. Robertson, to emerge as the Neptune Rowing Club, according to the *Vallejo Weekly Chronicle* of April 11, 1874. In 1879, the Neptune Rowing Club changed its name to the Golden Gate Rowing Club per the *San Francisco Chronicle*, September 29, 1879. The Golden Gate Rowing Club became extinct in 1887, wrote the August 15, 1887 *San Francisco Chronicle*.

This disappearance in 1874 and reappearance in 1881 of the South End Club can be interpreted clearly. As continuously operating clubs, the current South End Rowing Club, founded in 1881, is four long years younger than the Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club. Perhaps more important, it is another remarkable story from the annals of San Francisco waterfront history.

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were the additions of the editors, and should not be construed as the work of the article's author, Bill Picklehaupt.

FLASH WATER HEATERS FOR SALE

Four used flash water heaters are available from the Club. Sealed bids will be accepted through November 15th. For more information, please contact Pete Bianucci or David Zovickian.

A DOLPHIN CLUB FUND GOAL: SPORTSBRIDGE

Your Contribution to the Dolphin Club Fund will expose swimming to a group of girls who may grow up to be Dolphins themselves!

SportsBridge is a nationally recognized organization providing a unique and valuable experience for underprivileged girls throughout San Francisco… involvement in sports.

These young girls have had little, if any, experience in swimming or water sports. Last year's swimming program relied almost entirely on public transportation. Unfortunately, this proved impractical and parents withdrew their children from the program, forcing its cancellation. It was simply not safe for the girls to return home on public transit in the evening.

Joining SportsBridge's effort to purchase a van would insure reinstatement of the swimming program. Most importantly, you will be contributing to a program providing girls positive opportunities in sport.

Make your checks payable to the Dolphin Club Fund; please do *not* combine a contribution with your regular dues payment. On the envelope write Dolphin Club Fund attn: Meg Reilly or Dave Zovickian and leave in their mail slot. If you are mailing in your donation send it to the attention of the Dolphin Club Fund attn: Meg Reilly or Dave Zovickian.

1998 Swim Schedule

Schedule Subject to Changes

Date	Event	Jump-Off
December 21 - *Saturday*	*Polar Bear Swim Starts*	
January 1 - *Thursday*	New Year's Day Cove	TBA
January 1 - *Thursday*	New Year's Day Alcatraz	TBA
January 31 - *Saturday*	☸ Mid-Winter Gas House Cove	TBA
February 22 - *Sunday*	**Z - Man** Mid - Winter Cove	TBA
March 21 - *Saturday*	*Polar Bear Swim Ends*	
March 21 - *Saturday*	☸ Spring Cove	TBA
April 5 - *Sunday*	☸ Pier 43 1/2	TBA
April 26 - *Sunday*	☸ Yacht Harbor	TBA
May 16 - *Saturday*	☸ **Dick Beeler** Crazy Cove	TBA
May 31 - *Sunday*	☸ Pier 39	TBA
June 1 - *Monday*	*100 Mile Swim Starts*	
June 7 - *Sunday*	☸ Crissy Field	TBA
June 19 - *Friday*	☸ Twilight Cove - **Pot Luck & BBQ**	TBA
July 10 - *Friday*	☸ Twilight Pier 43 1/2	TBA
July 12 - *Sunday*	☸ Over Sixty Cove - *Swim fees not necessary*	TBA
July 18 - *Saturday*	☸ Trans Tahoe Relay	TBA
July 25 - *Saturday*	☸ **Doc Howard** - Over 45 - Gas House Cove	TBA
August 1 - *Saturday*	☸ Santa Cruz Pier Swim	TBA
August 8 - *Saturday*	☸ Fort Point	TBA
August 15 - *Saturday*	**Joe Bruno** Golden Gate II - Slow Day	TBA
August 16 - *Sunday*	**Joe Bruno** Golden Gate I - Fast Day	TBA
September 27 - *Sunday*	Alcatraz	TBA
October 11 - *Sunday.*	Introdction to Bay Swimming	TBA
October 11 - *Sunday.*	Handicap Cove	TBA
October 18 - *Sunday*	Dolphin/South End Triathlon	TBA
October 25 - *Sunday*	Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon	TBA
October 31 - *Saturday*	*100 Mile Swim Ends*	
November 14 - *Saturday*	Annual Swim/Pilot Appreciation Dinner	TBA
November 26 - *Thursday*	Thanksgiving Day Cove	TBA
December 13 - *Sunday*	New Year's Day Alcatraz Qualifier	TBA
December 21 - *Monday*	*Polar Bear Swim Starts*	

• Swim Program Rules •

1. Club scheduled swims are restricted to club members only.
2. Swimmers are required to wear fluorescent orange caps on all scheduled swims.
3. Swimmers must be members in good standing with dues current and swim fees paid.
4. New members are not eligible to swim in scheduled swims for 6 months from their membership start.
5. Out-of-cove swims are limited to 60 swimmers and may be further limited by the Swim Commission.
6. Alcatraz and Golden Gate swims are limited to 75 swimmers; Alcatraz swimmers are chosen by lottery.
7. Swim sign-up sheets are posted two weeks prior to each swim.
8. Time limits are imposed and enforced for all swims.
9. All club boats are reserved for scheduled swims; riders are prohibited.

• Additional qualifications for Alcatraz and Golden Gate Swims •

10. In-town members must successfully complete 2 swims marked with a wheel (☸) and one other scheduled swim and pilot or help on at least 2 others.
11. Out-of-town members (those residing 100+ miles from the club) must have successfully completed 2 of the last 3 club scheduled Alcatraz and/or Golden Gate swims or meet rule 10 above.
12. Once a member has qualified for Alcatraz/Golden gate swims, non-qualified members will be given priority to qualifying swims.

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Annie and Shawn Heth and friend at Lou Marcelli's and Cynthia Coppi's Cape Cod Hideaway

Tell neighborhood businesses about it. We need their help. To submit an ad, please email us at *sheridansf@aol.com* or speak with us directly. The staff of the Dolphin Log work on a volunteer, pro bono basis only. All revenues underwrite publishing and postage costs only.

—Chris Kelly and
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Dolphin Log Editors

Dolphin Club Fund

I would like to put my name on something I didn't believe in. The Dolphin Club Fund is a great way for us to help San Francisco kids learn to swim. Check out the Q & A below—and help us support this important cause.

—Lou Marcelli

P.S. If you gave already this year, thank you. If you haven't yet contributed, do it today. By the way, your contribution is fully tax-deductible!

Questions and Answers About the Dolphin Club Fund

What is the Dolphin Club Fund?

The Dolphin Club Fund was created in 1995 as a tax deductible way for Club members to support the San Francisco Recreation and Park youth swimming programs. It is administered by the San Francisco Foundation, one of the most respected community foundations in the country.


Garbriella gives her dearest wishes to Santa during his visit to the Club

Why is the Fund necessary?

Someone in your past contributed time, effort, and money to help you learn to swim. But many San Francisco kids aren't so lucky. The Dolphin Club Fund allows us to share our enjoyment of swimming with children who might otherwise lack the opportunity to learn a valuable and rewarding skill. The Fund is also a way for Dolphin Club members to become advocates for youth aquatic activities.

How much money has the Fund raised so far?

Since 1995, the Fund has raised more than $10,000 from individual Dolphin contributions.

What activities has the Fund supported?

- Swim lesson scholarships: $7,000 in two-week lesson tickets for kids at all nine San Francisco municipal pools—the first such scholarship program ever.
- Garfield pool sponsorship: $2,500 for equipment funding. In 1998, the Recreation and Park Department told us about a fledgling age-group team at the Mission District's Garfield Pool, next door to the Bernal Dwelling Housing Project. The team was high on enthusiasm, but low on equipment. The Dolphin Club Fund provided much-needed gear, and Club members worked phones, followed up, and ensured that the money went where it was supposed to—the children.
- SportsBridge: $250 to offset the cost of transportation to after-school swim lessons for this non-profit girls' sports program.

Yoga

Yoga classes are taught each week by Annette Murphy. Classes are held in the handball court and beginners are always welcome. Be on time with bare feet and an empty stomach:

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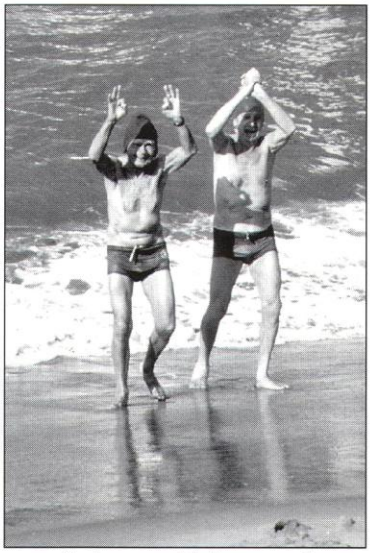
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ROWING TRAINING

Rowing training is available for all members of the Club. Generally held the third weekend of every month, interested members must formally sign-up ahead of time on the sheets posted near the front entrance. The following are the remaining dates for training.:

February 20 & 21
March 20 & 21
April 24 & 25
May 22 & 23
June 19 & 20
July 24 & 25
August 21 & 22
September 25 & 26
October 23 & 24
November 20 & 21
December 18 & 19



A vigorous and fully recovered Hal Miramonte along with Sal Cannizzaro

ELECTION RESULTS

Pursuant to the Dolphin Club by-laws, the following are the election results for the Board of Governor's 1999 term: (all the positions were uncontested, with the exception of the vice president's race)

President:
Meg Reilly
Vice President:
Vince Huang - 213 votes
Ken Coren - 102 votes
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NEW ADOPTION!

Aquatic Park Beach has been adopted! It came to the Club's attention that the State Coastal Commission's Adopt-a-Beach program did not include Aquatic Park as a beach worthy of adoption. The only San Francisco County beaches officially in the program were Ocean Beach and Candlestick Point Park. Clearly, the City's only dedicated swim beach in Aquatic Park should rate official notice in use and in need of "clean up."

In January 1999, The Dolphin Club took steps to include Aquatic Park beach in the Adopt-a-Beach program by agreeing to "adopt" Aquatic Park Beach. This means the Club has committed to conduct three beach clean-ups annually.

Our efforts will be supported by the Clean City Coalition, which will provide plastic bags for debris and gloves for clean up volunteers. The Golden Gate National Recreation Area will also support our efforts by disposing of the bags that we collect during each clean up.

We hope to develop a broader community interest and appreciation for Aquatic Park through our efforts. We plan to approach our neighbors, such as the Fisherman's Wharf Merchants

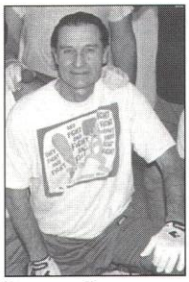
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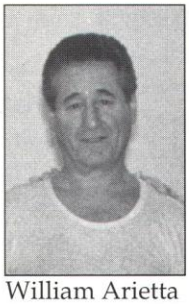
Life Members - 25 Years



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June 1973



George Brennan
August 1973



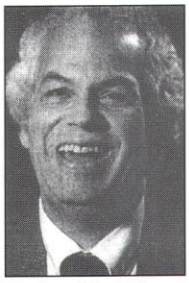
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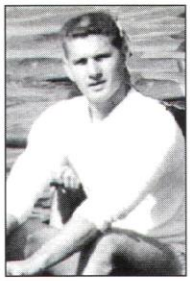
Harold Miramonte and Hugo Buckholz
November and December 1973

Not pictured: Rodrick McLeod—February 1973; Walter Haake—August 1973; Larry Schultz—December 1973

Golden Dolphin - 50 years

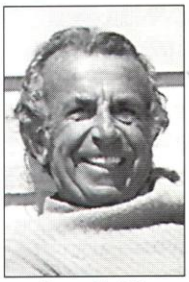


Walt Schneebeli
March 1948



Dino Landiuccio, Jr.
July 1948

Deaths



Lou Gallic
September 1956
May 30, 1998



August Gelardi
October 1936
July 16, 1998

Not pictured

Elizabeth Davis
August 1996
July 12, 1998

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By Walt Schneebeli

The Dolphin Club's Annual Hike and Dip at Ocean Beach



Dolphin Club's 1909 Hike and Dip

Many years before the New Year's Alcatraz Swim was first held, the Dolphin Club staged a hike and dip to Ocean Beach in the last days of December. The members went all the way from the Clubhouse, down to the Marina, through the Presidio, and finally down to the shore in front of Playland at the Beach. Some ran, some walked, and some were chauffeured by family and friends. At the end of this event, all participants would plunge into the surf, get out, dry off, dress, and go up to the Cliff House for brunch, accompanied by their entourages. All of the participants received due recognition in the newspaper published the following morning and acquired the glory attendant thereto.

For some reason these dips were discontinued in 1968.

The Club's esteemed sauna philosopher James Vanya had the following article published in the *Dolphin Log* of February 1967.

PS: On the back cover, readers will find a photo the Dolphin Club's 1955 Hike and Dip.

THE ANNUAL HIKE AND DIP

By James Vanya

Every year this group of brave Dolphins challenges the icy water of the Pacific Ocean.

It's the most thrilling and joyful feeling to see old and young members participate in this unusual saga. Along the shore of the Cliff House, with a grey sky and sinister color of the water, this group of cheerful Dolphins, topless, without showing goose pimples, is jumping audaciously in the cold water. In a freezing temperature, the people are waiting for this event, well dressed, but still trembling, creating a puzzling atmosphere among the spectators. Are we Dolphins a different breed of the human race? Yes, we are.

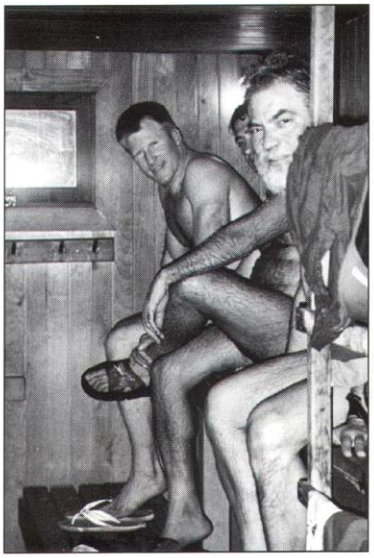
It's most amazing, there's a group of us, (I don't like to mention their names, for fear of retaliatory acts); they don't go in the water all year around, but on this particular day, they risk catching double pneumonia. They like to see their names and pictures in the news. Well, we call them "Phonies", not the genuine Dolphins. The real ones are down at the Club, swimming every day around the cove, not interested in publicity.

The phonies and the genuine Dolphins, they all form the great family of the Club.

THE UNKNOWN TRIATHALON | *Until Now*

by Sid Hollister

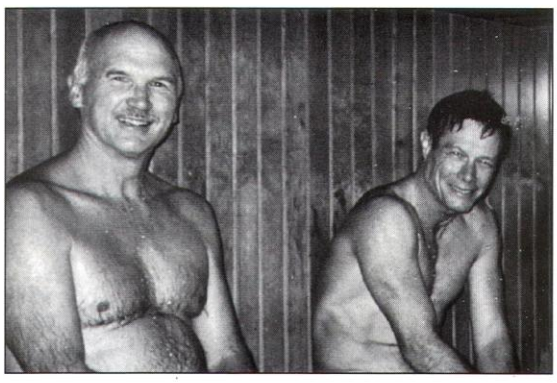
If you're an athlete who wants a challenge, the Dolphin Club is the place to be. From churning across the unpredictable waters of the Golden Gate to rowing up to Sacramento in scorching September heat to doing the Escape from Alcatraz Triathalon, challenges abound. Add in the Cecco Menucci Memorial Swim and the soon-to-be-legendary Neil Hartnett Pier-to-Pier extravaganza, and you've got something for everybody. Yet, one major event has thus far not received the attention it deserves. In fact, few Club members even know it exists.It is like the Polar Bear Swim, made for the cold and stormy winter months. It has been kept under wraps for years, perhaps even decades. The moment has come to reveal the unique test of the spirit and flesh to all who undertake the Staib Room Triathalon.



I can hear the snickers now of the Dolphin athletes who regard as daunting the child's play rigors of traipsing back and forth over Mt. Tam under blue skies and billowing clouds. I can imagine how the hardy rowers up the Sacramento River, well-supplied with cooling libations, corn chips, and deli sandwiches, will scoff at the very idea of a triathalon that never requires its participants to set foot outdoors. Gentle readers, I ask only that you reserve judgement until you have read the following.

The origins of the Staib Room Triathalon are unknown, most likely because the event itself has been unknown until this very moment. That fact, however, in no way diminishes its significance. But enough introductory chitchat—although, as you will see, verbal adroitness is one of the skills a Staib triathelete needs in his or her kit bag.

The first part of the first leg of the Triathalon is leaping the hurdle of doffing your duds and scooting into the sauna. Easy, you say. But try it after a day spent hunkered down in the comfort of a heated company car or after you've stepped into one of those foot-deep puddles that lie in wait for those parking on Jefferson Street. Shedding rain clothes, sodden shoes, thermal underwear in the darkening late afternoon hours...it gives one shivers just to think about it.



Next you have to decide whether or not to put on your suit, a subtlety often overlooked by the novice Staib triathelete. Putting on the suit not only fends off a swarm of prickly sauna questions but provides you with the useful ruse of saying that you're just warming up before going in for your daily half mile. Only the most callous Dolphin would press you on this matter.

The second part of the first leg separates those who merely glow from the heavy drippers, and demands a level of flexibility and dexterity—mental as well as corporeal—few of us ever attain. It takes place in the sauna.

One never knows who awaits on those wooden benches. Sometimes you will find a solitary soul, intent on reading the newspaper, denying you the anticipated pleasure of holding forth on some topic of critical importance, at least to you. Sometimes you will have difficulty finding a spot amid the crowd to spread your towel and your posterior. And sometimes you will open the door on a heated discussion, when, like the English Parliament, those on the benches to the right will be exchanging verbal volleys with those on the benches to the left, snapping off barbs and ripostes as sharp as the sting of a wet towel. Even when you go to the Club at the same time every day, the mix of people in the sauna is as different and unpredictable as the waters of the Bay.

No matter how many bodies are

present, finding the right spot always requires quick decision-making, masterful towel-handling, and a keen sense of diplomacy. Do you sit, for example, across from or cheeks-to-cheeks with someone whose political views are diametrically opposed to your own? When, precisely, do you dump a few ladles of water unannounced on the burner, thus stifling debate at a critical point, or hold the door open until a chorus of shouts from left and right asks you with characteristic Dolphin civility to close the damn thing? The awesome mental agility and the few but critical physical movements required test the mettle of anyone but those blind to the beauty of the subtle.

Then, of course, there's the matter of when to enter a discussion. Do you barge right in even as you unfurl your towel or do you wait respectfully for an appropriate pause—or at least long enough to know what is being discussed—before you join the fray?



The second step of the triathalon is the shower. Timing is crucial, for if you are wearing your suit, you want to get into the shower just before the arrival of several near-comatose swimmers, so you are wringing out your suit as they are entering. Then, ducking under the shower, you can neatly avoid the swapping of comments on the tides or the fact that the water felt maybe two-tenths of a degree colder than yesterday. A deft handling of your loofa and a vigorous shampoo will allow you the maximum wiggle room to exit the shower, suit in hand, and prepare in deeply focused silence for the triathalon's final leg.

It is the most deceptively treacherous stage, some veterans aver: settling into the right chair in the Staib Room. Once again, it would seem to be a simple undertaking. Do not be fooled. There are countless occasions for error—mistakes that could cost you your place in the sun, a serving of lasagna, or a chance at the Datebook section of the Sunday paper. Here, too, the ability to make cunning decisions, given a razor-sharp edge by countless trips to the sauna, is crucial. Do you settle into one of the low-slung blue Club chairs, opt for a straight-back chair near the window, slide into a rocker near the heater, or take a lofty perch in the church pew of the last row? Your choice reveals your intentions, carefully hidden aspects of your family history, and your true feelings about Italian food—among other things. Once that choice is made, you must decide whether the person sitting next to you is truly asleep, only pretending to be so just to avoid talking to you, or is as bored by the droning TV as you are and so open to conversation.

As in so many aspects of the Staib Room Triathalon, timing in this last leg is critical. Stand too long before taking a seat and you will be dismissed as a passionless passerby, not a true devotee of the Niners or the Giants. Take just any seat and you might not be included in the pizza order.

So, before you accept the Drino Challenge, before you decide to do the 40 frigid miles that will earn you a coveted polar bear, consider the physical rigors and mental tests of the Staib Room Triathalon. Consider them well, for as the masters of the event can tell you, it's not for everyone.

Dolphin News

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Association, the Port Pier Tenants Association and possibly the SF Maritime National Historic Park for funding and support to sponsor public "beach clean-up days" in Aquatic Park.

Please help the Club meet its commitment of three annual beach clean-ups. We plan to conduct our beach clean ups after scheduled swims to take advantage of our numbers. Winter is the time that we are most affected by flotsam and jetsam that washes onto the public beach to the west of the Club. Removing this debris will help keep it out of our cove water. Please participate!

Harbor Construction

Between February and October 1999, the Port of San Francisco will construct 62 berths for commercial fishing vessels on the east side of Hyde Street Pier. The berths will be located a mere 250 feet east of our beach. The Club worked for over ten years with the Port, our neighbors, and the various agencies issuing permits for the project to reduce the potential effects of this project on Aquatic Park water quality.

Whether Aquatic Park water quality is impacted will depend on how well the new project and existing harbor is operated. In the past, the Port has been a poor manager with little concern for water quality . For that reason, we and our neighbors asked the Port to form, and we now participate as members of the Port's Fisherman's Wharf Environmental Quality Advisory Committee (EQAC). EQAC is attempting, over time, to improve the Port's management practices in the Harbor.

The Club was successful in influencing the terms of the permits issued for the berthing project. The Port is obligated to develop Best Management Practices (BMPs) for agency approval. The BMPs will include water quality

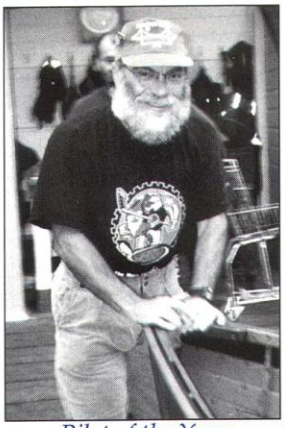
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President's Report

By Meg Reilly

The Year Ahead

Mark Twain visited at the wrong time of year. Yes, it's foggy in San Francisco. But winter is a season to behold! With El Nino afoot, it rains. Howsomever, when the sun decides to shine in January, February and March, what a glorious result. One can sunbathe on the deck at the Dolphin Club if one is lucky. Hold that thought.



Pilot of the Year: Phil Kohlenberg

Some people did a lot of work in 1998. I can't name these folks without leaving someone out. It's easier to describe the activities:

We have a really rocky lease arrangement at Lake Merced and, on top of that, the lake started losing water — big time! One of our people has been in there swinging on both accounts. That's the same member who devised and installed the storage system for the two single skulls we have at Aquatic Park. Thank you.

The Club's pier got seriously whacked during the never-before-heard-of-8-foot plus tides in January 1998. One person managed the repairs and recovered most of the cost under our insurance policy, including the cost of our new chain link fence. It's only in the last few years that our swim program data is computerized. Several folks gather, tabulate and input that data. We have a website. A couple of members make that happen. On every Tuesday night, a nucleus of members conduct fleet maintenance - week after week. Thank them if you row and/or swim. Rarely have organized open water swim events been executed in such safety - and style.

A member routinely mops down the stairs leading to the men's and ladies' locker rooms. Another cleans the ladies' toilets, and another washes the windows in the Staib and Sancimino Rooms. Several members met for a series of Saturday work parties. They recently replaced all the fallen ceiling tiles in the boathouse, built the kayak racks in the new boathouse and performed repairs in the gym. To get our lease renewal, we were required to have a building inspection, which resulted in a "honey do" list. These same folks took care of everything on the list.

In 1998 we established the Dolphin Club Account with the Friends of Recreation and Park. Now we have a tax-advantaged way to make sure the Dolphin Club facilities are taken care of into the future. We have a new (used) StairMaster, incline bench and stationary bike in the gym at low/no cost, thanks to a couple of members who were looking out for club needs.



Helper of the Year: Jackie Merovich

We submitted half a dozen member-generated water quality monitoring reports (recounting nasty conditions in Fisherman's Wharf Harbor and Aquatic Park) to the Port of San Francisco and to the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board. That caused the Water Board to impose storm water pollution plans, best management practices and water quality monitoring requirements on the Port in connection with the upcoming Hyde Street Harbor berthing project. Thank you!

Lots of new rowers and kayakers received training this year. Members planned and carried off a couple dozen swims this year. That involves picking tides, getting permits, arranging for buses and ferries, managing the pilots, clearing the event with vessel traffic, and bringing everybody safely home to donuts, bagels and coffee. Members forged relationships with other organizations, allowing kids to visit our club and providing support for worthwhile public service endeavors. One member established, and now several members manage, the Dolphin Club Fund, which gives our membership an opportunity to help fund swimming opportunities for young people.

A whittling member provides carved wooden signs and spectacular pieces like the wind powered whirligig triathaletes outside the gym window. Member historians collect historic information about the Club and waterfront. They have produced valuable information

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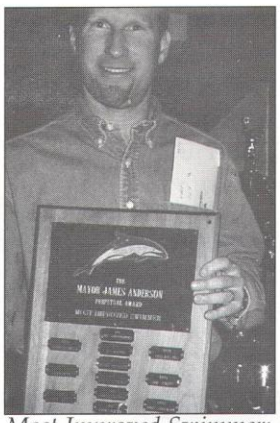
when we needed it. One member actively publishes on the subject, and has appeared as a guest on radio and television programs.

We celebrated with some pretty fine food and music this year. The maestra of food and her kitchen gnomes tossed hundreds of pounds of lettuce and conveyed thousands of pounds of chicken, crab and pasta to our tables. If you didn't learn to dance at the Spring Dinner Dance, that's your own fault.

Many of us spent hospital time this year helping others to recover or pass on.

1999 - The Beginning of the Future. Wow, it's the last year of the Century. How is it possible that the Dolphin Club even exists in the 21st Century? An important question to answer, if we expect the Dolphin Club to survive Year 2100. What critical ingredients have been present for the last 121 years which account for the Club's survival?

Very basic answer: The club is built of good wood, and we replace rotting members when necessary. So, the 1895 edifice continues to stand 104 years later. The boats are made of equally good wood, and rotting members are similarly replaced. That accounts for a fleet ranging in age to over 100 years.



Most Improved Swimmer: Eric von Blankenberg

Let's talk about the fabric of our members. They are not made of wood — and we don't replace rotting members as necessary. Today, the self-selecting public walk in the door on a monthly basis, and, for the dues equivalent of a dollar-a-day, they become members. So, what's the same and what's different since 1877?

What's the same: The club is affordable, kept that way by tapping the skills and labor of members. What gets done at the club and what doesn't is a function of member interest and effort. In today's parlance, we have a market driven product. Probably a very good strategy for the new millennium.

What else is the same? Well, like Noah's Ark, we have one (okay, two) of each. Let's face it, no two people are the same at the Dolphin Club. That's cool. In 1877, this club was a collection of immigrants. A major common bond was being foreigners in a foreign land.


Most Inspirational: Mineko Gallic

Yes, the club was all men in the early days. Ladies didn't do that then. For a long time, ladies didn't vote or own property in this democracy either. In the early days, women weren't welcome to run in the San Francisco marathon. Women got a slow start without the help of the Dolphin Club.

The point is, that the Dolphin membership has always been eclectic. It's an ever- changing community of diverse folks who support each other in common and individual endeavors, and who rejoice in our own differences. The many who called themselves Dolphins over the span of 121 years, created rich traditions of Bay swimming and rowing as a legacy that continues to draw people to the Dolphin Club today. The Dolphins of the next one hundred years inherit that legacy, with the obligation to build upon it and pass it on.

Succession, and careful stewardship of our Bays' swimming and rowing traditions has worked for 121 years. Surely they are the ingredients for our successful future.

What's different since 1877? Read on:

Let's talk lethargy. The last half of the '90s were fat and happy—at the Dolphin Club, in San Francisco, and in the country in general. When there is enough pabulum for the masses, humankind kicks back and scratches its belly. That's what we have been doing at the Dolphin Club in the last few years. Life has been good.

Our membership numbers have exploded, creating significantly more wear and tear on the building and our programs. We have *not* seen a commensurate increase in voluntarism.

Is this you? (If not, don't read this part, it's depressing). My usual routine at the Dolphin Club is—I come, I swim (row, work out in the weight room), I leave. In order to qualify for the Gate and Alcatraz, I do my two requisite "helps," but never more. I make sure that helping doesn't prevent me from also swimming. I'll rake the beach, put up flags, cut donuts, but never pilot, time or record, transport swimmers or kayaks to or from the start, or help bring in boats and clean them. I never stick around after a swim long enough to collect my trinket. I row frequently. I have never helped repair a boat and I have never offered to teach others to row. I bring nothing but my appetite to potlucks. I never pick the hair out of the shower drain, but I do complain about it. I didn't attend the annual membership meeting.

Conclusion 2000: The Dolphin Club is a reflection of its people, the club will thrive into the future *if* the people make it happen. If not, then not. Ain't no savior but you.

Dolphin Aquatic Arts Dolphins have lots of talents. See page 16 for details on the Dolphin Art Show & Open House planned for this spring.

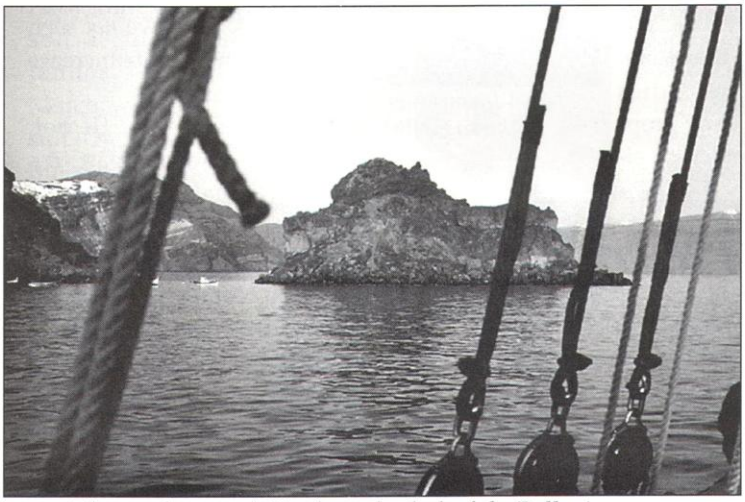
Photograph by Megan Sullivan

Swimming Holes

By George Robin & Chris Kelly

Greek Islands of Santorini

Brrrrr.....swimming in SF Bay is really getting to be quite a charge! But if you have to swim before or after work, you get an extra charge from swimming in the dark (that's when all the monsters come out, you know). Thanks for the quick responses from members sharing their swimming experiences. Here's Chris Kelly's:



The touchstone of Oia, from the deck of the Bella Aurora

Of many great waters to swim in the world, the azure and emerald waters off the volcanic Greek island of Santorini are some of the finest. Dolphins traveling to the Mediterranean would do well to make this island in the Cyclades group a stop on their itinerary.

Also known as Thera, the island was a center of commerce for the Minoan culture which florished from 2000 - 1600 B. C. Around 1680 B. C. the volcano exploded with a force dozens of times more powerful than the Mt. St. Helens eruption, burying the Minoan city and preserving it remarkably well in a deep layer of ash. Before the explosion, the island was roughly circle-shaped. Now it resembles more of a horse shoe. The discovery of the city's ruins in 1967 along with the striking views of craggy, 400-foot high lava cliffs ending in black sand beaches generated a thriving tourist business.

Located just inside the western approach to the horseshoe-shaped island, the Touchstone of Oia is an islet 200 yards off the northern tip. The Greek Orthodox Church built one of their ubiquitous whitewashed chapels with a terrace rich in mosiacs on the Touchstone. Towering above the church and terrace are whorls of ancient lava rock at least 40 feet high. The terrace is an ideal place to relax before or after a swim.

A lap around the Touchstone is a multifaceted experience. Leaping from the terrace into the deep blue 69 F. water, the swimmer has underwater visibility of about 70 feet. The lava whorls continue down 25 feet and schools of silvery fish cruise below that level. The water salinity is higher than that off either coast of North America, creating greater buoyancy and a briny bouquet for the swimmer. Heading south and toward the bay, but staying close to the island, a dipster feels the tide flowing east. The waves and breeze coming from the Aegean are gentle in mid-August. Turning west, the swimmer becomes perpendicular to the current, then pushed around the other side of the island. A complete lap is just shy of a quarter mile, creating a pleasant cool-off from 95 F. -plus air temperature.

The Touchstone of Oia makes the island of Santorini a gem in the necklace of the Greek islands and an unforgettable swimming experience, particularly for a seasoned Dolphin swimmer.

—Chris Kelly

Remember to send in your stories about the best water holes in the world to George Robin, Dolphin Log, Dolphin Club, 502 Jefferson Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 or just drop it in the Log box in the Staib Room.



The tiny orthodox chapel on the Touchstone

Feature

By Nancy Friedman and Others

Dining á la Dolphin

From sinful doughnuts after a swim to fresh cracked crab at the Old-Timers' Dinner, food is one of the most vital and memorable elements of Dolphin Club life. We asked several Club cooks for their favorite recipes—menu items you might have sampled at a holiday party, Friday-night potluck, or Twilight Swim Barbecue. We get you started with three of the best; look for more recipes in upcoming issues, and for a Dolphin Club cookbook in the not-too-distant future. If you have a recipe to contribute, drop it off in Nancy Friedman's mailbox (off the Staib Room), or e-mail me at nancyf@wordworking.com.

Chicken al Mattone
by Christopher Cadelago

This variation on the popular "Chicken Under a Brick" ("mattone" means "brick" in Italian) is simplified by proximity to the Dolphin Club weight room. —Nancy Friedman.

Ingredients

1 2- to 4-lb. high-quality chicken or capon
4 garlic cloves
1/2 tsp. each oregano, rosemary, sage, and red chile flakes
3 T butter
1/4 C olive oil
1/2 C white wine

Equipment

1 cast-iron skillet
2 5-lb. weights from the weight room
2 feet aluminum foil

1. Wash chicken inside and out. Cut out backbone and wing tips; reserve for stock if you like. Optional: halve or quarter the chicken. (But it's nice to cook it whole.)

2. Rub the bird with olive oil all over and season with herbs and spices. Cover and refrigerate for 24 hours.

3. Preheat oven to 400º. Place chicken, skin-side up, in skillet. Wrap each weight in a piece of aluminum foil and place on top of the chicken. Cook 15 minutes; turn; cook another 15 minutes.

4. When done, remove weights (use oven mitts!). Place chicken on a large platter. Add butter and wine to deglaze the pan, reduce by half over a low flame, and pour over meat. Enjoy with seasonal vegetables and a good white burgundy.

Chef's note: This simple dish is a great hit here with everyone except perhaps the Fire Department(?who is this?) and Moon, who has to clean the stove. When properly done the bird will be succulent and juicy with a crisp, crusty outside.

It is hearty enough to satisfy the big red-meat eaters and also appeals to the prissy "Peter Rabbit" types who would feel comfortable grazing on your front lawn. There is absolutely no comparison between well-prepared "Chicken al Mattone" and the tasteless, skinless carpet pads that the "Peter Rabbits" love to tout as they lecture you on how your colon will need a roto-rooter if you don't stick to their type of fare. Buon appetito!

Ginger & Apple Slaw
by Mimi Osborne

In the early 1980s, before she became the Dolphin Club's galley officer, Mimi worked at the late, lamented San Francisco Ecology Center Lunch Counter in the Financial District. This imaginative, flavorful slaw was just one of the "nine or ten" cabbage salads she created there. —NF.

1 loose-leafed cabbage (Savoy and nappa work equally well)
3 medium crispy apples
4 - 6 green onions
2 rounded Tbs. fresh ginger root
White wine vinaigrette*

Cut cabbage in half, core, and slice fine (or cut cabbage in chunks and put through the fine slicer of a food processor). Place cabbage in a bowl.

Chop apples fine and moisten with lemon juice. Slice onions crosswise; include green tops. Peel and mince ginger. Add apples, onions, and ginger to cabbage and toss gently with vinaigrette until mixed.

*White Wine Vinaigrette
1/4 C white wine vinegar
1/2 C oil (soy, salad, olive, etc.)
2 - 3 cloves garlic, minced
a shake of pepper
salt to taste

Whisk all ingredients together.

Super Chocolate Pound Cake
by Síle Convery

This decadent dessert might as well be called "Disappearing Cake." If you want a piece for yourself, you'd better hide it. Sile is originally from Dublin, Ireland; her Gaelic first name is pronounced "Sheila." —Nancy Friedman.

For cake:

10 oz. semisweet chocolate
1/4 cup strong coffee
1 C butter (softened)
2 C white sugar
4 eggs
2 tsp. vanilla
2 C flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. baking soda
1 C buttermilk

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1998 Dolphin Club Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon

October 25, 1998



Dolphin Mason Flynn, Escape Winner

#	NAME	CLUB	SWIM	BIKE	RUN	TOTAL	
1	MASON FLINN	DC	52:30	49	2:09	3:38 FASTEST BIKE, RUN	
2	BEN OWEN	DC	52:30	56	2:19	4:08	
3	ERIC BURKE	DC	40:15	56	2:48	4:24	
4	MARK MC KEE	DC	41:30	53	2:51	4:26	
5	BRENT POHLMAN	SE	40:31	54	3:00	4:34	
6	PHIL SCARBOROUGH	DC	39:21	50	3:06	4:35	
7	ANTHONY DUCOMB	DC	50:07	1:00	2:46	4:35	
8	MARGARET KEENEN	DC	39:30	1:00	2:58	4:37 FIRST FEMALE & FEMALE CRUISER	
9	MATT DAVIS	SE	48:53	56 .	2:55	4:40 FIRST MALE CRUISER	
10	MIKE LARAMIE	SE	41:44	57	3:06	4:44 OLDEST	
11	THERESA OUANO	DC	46:18	58	3:01	4:45	
12	ANDY GRAHAM	DC	52:16	1:07	2:47	4:46 YOUNGEST	
13	KEITH NOWELL	SE	47:56	1:05	3:12	5:04	
14	JOHN HORNER	DC	51:47	1:00	3:14	5:06	
15	MIKE WEBB	DC	43:35	1:00	3:27	5:10	
16	KEN COREN	DC	52:59	1:06	3:13	5:11	
17	SUNNY MC KEE	DC	41:08	58	3:41	5:19	
18	BARRY CHRISTIAN	DC	50:06	1:02	3:30	5:22	
19	KRIST JAKE	DC	41:36	1:10	3:36	5:27	
20	DEBBIE BISPO	DC	45:15	1:15	3:31	5:31	
21	ANDY FIELD	SE	41:48	1:05	3:45	5:32	
22	LINDSEY MILBERG	SE	48:53	1:09	3:38	5:35	
23	TOM CALLINAN	DC	48:51	1:00	3:53	5:41, 18 th TIME	
24	GARY EMICH	SE	40:33	1:02	4:01	5:44	
25	JON NAKAMURA	DC	37:43	1:08	4:05	5:51 FASTEST SWIM	
26	GARY EHRSAM	DC	1:02:00	1:05	3:48	5:55	
27	ANTHONY BERON	SE	57:37	1:11	3:59	6:07	
28	GINA RUS	DC	45:23	1:14	4:18	6:16	
29	MARY CANTINI-NORKEN	DC	1:02:00	1:16	4:14	6:31	
30	TOM LITHICUM	SE	52:40	1:29	4:25	6:46	
31	LORNA NEWLIN	DC	44:59	1:37	4:38	6:59	
32	RICHARD BUCKLEY	DC	59:57	1:38	4:26	7:03	
33	PAT TOMADA	SE	59:38	2:08	4:46	7:54	
34	LOUISE BEA	DC	52:13	1:31	6:02	8:24	

Swim Update

by Pete Bianucci, Swim Commissioner

I would like to thank all the members that participated in the 1998 swim program. Many members went way past their mandatory 2 helps. Pat McGarvey logged the activities. Jackie Merovich handled the check in table and swim fees. Suzie Dods managed the kitchen the first part of the year and Pat Howard took the last part of the year. I had two big helpers. Dave Zovickian, who managed the pilots, did test swims and helped pick the swim schedule and times. Anthony DuComb handled timing and tirelessly went home after the swims to do the results. He also filled in for me when I couldn't be there. Our Entertainment Committee, Lorna Newlin, did a fine job. They handled the Halloween swim, food for our twilight swims and the Pilot Appreciation Dinner.

1999 brings the same needs. We need help from the membership to keep the quality of our swim program. It's OK to help more than two times. We need someone to manage the kitchen. You don't need to be there all the time but just set up a program. Many members can pick up things as part of their helps. Talk to me if you are interested. We need as many pilots as we can get. There aren't many swims where someone feels they were out there by him or herself.

We are going to start, yet again, another category for the *Polar Bear*. *"Old Goat."* To qualify, you must be over 70 years old. The distance will be 20 miles.

This year Anthony DuComb and myself will be co-commissioners. The 1999 swim schedule is set. Mark your calendar. We need your participation and support to have a successful swim program.

To clear up some points that are often misunderstood.

We have the "six month rule." You may not swim in any out-of-cove, club swim for six months. You may help or pilot. You may swim in an "in-the-cove swim." Your place will not be official, but we encourage you to swim in the cove to get used to open water competition and get a feel for your own limits.

Other organizations or private out-of-cove swimming is prohibited if you involve the club. You may not start or finish at the club or use any club equipment. Please ask if you have any questions. We do have a procedure for out-of-cove, private swimming. The intention of the rules are to eliminate any risk to the club, not to limit any member from a swimming activity.

1998 Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon - Relay Results

#	NAME	CLUB	SWIM	BIKE	RUN	TOTAL
R1	PETER DRINO	DC	37:38			
	GABE SCURLOCK	DC		44:00	1:20	FASTEST BIKE, ½ RUN
	JOHN MERVIN	DC			1:20	3:40, ½ RUN
R2	PETER DARLINGTON	DC	42:33			
	BORIS ROSENBERG	DC		45:00		
	DEBBIE SPALDING	DC			2:40	4:08
R3	DANIEL LOWE	DC	42:00			
	JEREMY WOODLEE	DC		1:03		
	JOHN WESLEY	DC			2:38	4:22
R4	MARK MULLEN	DC	49:10			
	TOM DUGGAN	DC		48:00	3:01	4:38
R5	SUSAN COBB	DC	46:12			
	SREPHANIE WEILER	DC		50:00		
	MARTY MATTOX	DC			3:05	4:40
R6	MARA FRATTASIO	DC	44:32			
	MEREDITH VOGENTNER	DC		53:00	3:10	4:40
R7	BECKEY FENSON	DC	27:10			FASTEST SWIM
	HEATHER ROYER	DC		1:17		
	MARGARET CURTIS	DC			3:05	4:49
R8	LISA SMITH	DC	45:17			
	PETER BUTLER	DC		1:04		
	SUSAN ALLEN	DC				½ RUN
	STU ETZLER				3:51	5:40 ½ RUN
R9	MIKE LAGIOS	SE	57:31	1:03		OLDEST TEAM
	JOHN NEWLIN	SE			4:16	6:16

Dolphin Swim Statistics

October 11, 1998 — January 1, 1999

Handicap Cove
October 11, 1998

Jump off: 9:10 to 9:26 a.m.; water temp: 59F; current: ebb; course: reverse cove.

1. Holly Welles 30:49
2. Sue Garfield 31:13
3. Nancy Hornor 31:17
4. Susan Cobb 32:29
5. Debra Rose 33:21
6. John Hornor 33:40
7. Pete Neubauer 33:47
8. Pam Stillwagon 33:48
9. Vince Huang 33:50
10. Krist Jake 33:55
11. Dan Osborne 34:20
12. Ken Coren 34:30
13. Kate Coleman 34:51
14. Cathy Huang 36:09
15. Neal Powers 36:43
16. Todd Oppenheimer 36:47
17. Debbie Bispo 36:51
18. David Broadbear 37:14
19. Conrad von Blankenburg 37:30

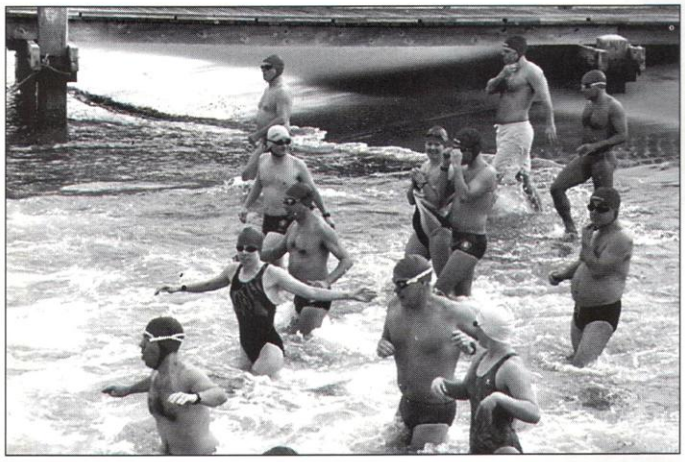
Pilots: *Bob Huff and Rubin Hechonova*

Helpers: *Mimi Osborne, Era Osibe, Ken Coren, Don Harrison, Susan Sward, Debra Rose, Jenny von Blankenburg, Kate Coleman, Joe Cowan, and Anthony DuComb.*

Dolphin/SouthEnd Inter-Club Triathlon
October 18, 1998

In one of the better competitions in the twenty-three year history of the inter-club triathlon, the South End edged the Dolphin Club 337 to 293. In the leadoff swim competition, the winner was Rob Schmidt of the South End Club in 25:47, leading a hard fought 10 point victory for the South End. The run saw Dolphin Mason Flynn victorious in 40:27, but the South End surged ahead with a 54 point victory. But the Dolphin rowing contingent stormed back in the rowing competition winning victories in three of five classes with a twenty point margin.

The Dolphin Club has repeatedly lost this competition now for far too many years. So mark your calendars for the DC/SE Inter-Club Triathlon (this year sponsored by us): Saturday, October 10, 1999 and get ready to kick some ass!



New Year's Day Qualifier: Only the Chosen, swim in the Frozen

Swim

1. SE Rob Schmidt 25:47
2. DC Heather Royer 26:16
3. DC John Selmer 26:39
4. SE David Ritter 26:40
5. DC Duke Dahlin 27:11
6. DC Chris Kelley 27:12
7. SE Jeff Gunderson ... 27:40
8. SE Chris Rondenet .. 28:08
9. DC John Pelko 28:14
10. SE Sue Free 28:25
11. SE Mary Lee 28:50
12. DC Larry Scroggins . 29:35
13. SE GaryEmich 29:35
14. DC Phil Scarborough 29:38
15. SE Carol Badger 29:40
16. SE Barbara Dondero 30:00
17. DC Margaret Keenan 30:33
18. SE Mike Laramie 30:34
19. SE John Kaplanis 30:51
20. SE Andy Field 30:52
21. DC Mara Frattassio .. 32:05
22. DC Pete Darlington .. 32:20
23. DC Joe Illick 32:29
24. DC Kate Coleman 32:30
25. SE Mike Stephens ... 33:02
26. DC Debbie Bispo 33:10
27. SE Dan Needham 33:34
28. SE Phil McGarrigle . 33:40
29. SE Jeff Doleman 33:50
30. DC Tony Ducomb 34:06
31 SE Keith Nowell 34:43
32. DC Pam Stillwagon .. 34:44
33. SE Gina di Grazia 34:45
34. SE Denis Rice 35:10
35. SE Laura Lent 35:32
36. SE Bruce Armbruster 35:40
37. DC Sue Garfield 36:06
38. SE Ann Van de Heethkamp .. 36:20
39. SE Mike Caurant 36:48



"Lets go around again!" Yells Micky Lavelle to Larry Scroggins



Laura Elizabeth Brent: future Channel swimmer

40. SE Mike Lagios 38:30
41. SE Linda Nowell 39:30

Run

1. DC Mason Flynn 40:37
2. SE Jason Valley 42:06
3. DC Ben Owen 43:20
4. SE Tom McInerney . 44:18
5. SE Jim Craig 46:22
6. DC Tony Ducomb 47:39
7. SE Rory Moore 48:16
19. SE Pedro Ordenes ... 57:17
20. DC Phil Scarborough 57:42
21. DC Debbie Bispo 57:44
22. DC John Selmer 57:52
23. DC Margaret Kennan 58:10
24. SE Mike Laeamie 59:23
25. SE Marty Maricle 63:09
26. SE Mike Brown 63:13
27. SE Andy Field 68:14
28. DC Lorna Newlin 75:15
29. DC Ira Osibe 76:00



Marines: Brent, Vogt, and Reid singing the "Song of the Marines"

8. SE Mike Stephens ... 48:53
9. SE Keith Nowell 49:39
10. SE Paul Eveloff 49:48
11. SE Anthony Beron .. 59:30
12. SE Jeff Doleman 51:03
13. DC Ken Coren 51:48
14. DC Barry Christian .. 52:20
15. DC Teresa Ouano 53:23
16. SE George Rouch 54:46
16. SE Ben Winslow 54:46
18. DC Roger Hanson 56:34

Row

Boat	1st	2nd
Barge	DC: 35	SE:0
Maas 24	SE: 25	SE:10
Aero	DC: 25	SE: 10
Viking	SE: 25	DC:10
Single W	SE: 25	DC: 10
Double W	DC: 25	SE:10



Duke Dahlin enlists the help of the surf for his finish

100 Mile Swim

June 1, 1998 - October 31, 1998

Heather Royer 305 1/2
Tom Kernan 150
Peter Urrea 142
Phil Rollins 130
Beckey Fenson 127
Vince Huang 126 3/4
Larry Scroggins 115
Neal Powers 114 1/4
Joe Illick 111
Peter McLaughlin 108 1/2
Rey Hassan 108
Bob Blum 107
Krist Jake 106
Mark McKee 104 1/2
Peter Neubauer 104
Sunny McKee 103 1/2
Susan Cobb 102 1/2
Eric vonBlankenburg 102
Alan Budenz 101
Margaret Keenan 101
Ben Owen 101
Boris Rosenberg 100 1/2
Anthony DuComb 100 1/4
Theresa Ouano 100 1/4
Pat Clancy 100
Suzie Dods 100
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Dave Zovickian 100

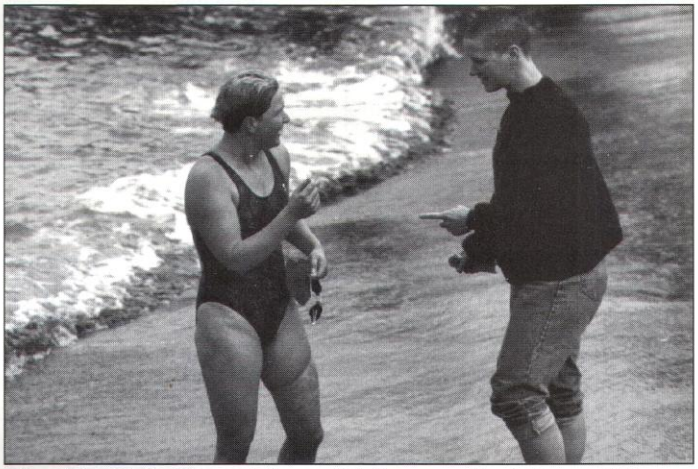
Thanksgiving Day Cove

November 25, 1998

Jump off: 9:00 a.m.; water temp. and conditions: typical for Thanksgiving

Long Course *(3/4 + Mile)*

1. Becky Fenson 18:02
2. Scott Haskins 19:00
3. John Selmer 19:39
4. Heather Royer 19:40
5. Chris Kelly 20:06
6. John Pelka 22:23
7. Peter Drino 22:30
8. Duke Dahlin 22:51
9. George Kebbe 23:03
10. Micky Lavelle 24:00
11. Jon Nakamura 24:30
12. Larry Scroggins 24:53
13. Tom Hoffman 25:30
14. Sunny McKee 25:32
15. Kate Coleman 25:47
16. Vince Huang 26:00
17. Bonnie Winn 26:06
18. Fred Johnson 26:09
19. Rebecca Tilly 26:16
20. Joe Illick 26:34
21. Mark McKee 26:35
22. Gina Rus 27:16
23. Debbie Bisbo 27:35
24. Mike Webb 27:44
25. Mark Mullen 27:51
26. Susan Cobb 28:10
27. Tina Scott 28:12
28. Jackie Merovich 28:26
29. Nancy Friedman 30:16
30. Tom Kernan 30:22
31. Stephanie Kane 30:32
32. Anthony DuComb 30:40



Speedster Becky Fenson takes a stick from a resilient Margaret Keenan

33. Lee Hammack 31:22
34. Ken Coren 32:05
35. Suzie Dods 33:28
36. Martha Frey 33:40
37. Chuck Perkins 34:33
38. Joe Hommony 35:38

16. John Davis 25:58

Pilots: *Susan Allen, Ray Artigues, Ed de Cossio, K. Michael Flynn, Matt Sheridan, Phil Kohlenberg, and Toby Kohlenberg.*



Halloween revelers in various stages of dress and undress preparing for a ghostly swim

Photo by Ben Owen

Short Course *(1/2+ Mile)*

1. Dave Zovickian 12:12
2. Cathy Huang 12:22
3. Dan Osborne 12:22
4. Monica Towers 14:42
5. Susan Anson 14:45

Helpers: *Pete Bianucci, David Broadbear, Barbara Byrnes, Anthony DuComb, Roger Hanson, Don Harrison, Pat Howard, Lauras Merkl, Meg Reilly, and Debbie Rose.*



The late great Bert Arias: the original Dolphin Club salute

6. Tom Duggan 16:18
7. Pat Howard 17:36
8. Era Osibe 17:56
9. Noel Frelicot 18:54
10. Pete Bianucci 18:55
11. Don Reid 19:38
12. Sarah McClusky 19:52
13. Rudy DeMay 20:20
14. Mimi Osborne 20:40
15. Steve North 23:10

New Year's Day Cove
January 1, 1999

Water temp: 48 F; overall conditions: sunny and flat

Long Course

1. Todd Walsh 14:30
2. Steve Schatz 16:40
3. Laura Burtch 17:10
4. Phil Rollins 17:46
5. Greg Hicks 18:10
6. Dave Zovickian 18:21
7. Tom Hoffman 19:17
8. Joe Illick 20:25
9. Jennifer Lamers 20:40
10. George Robin 22:30
11. Neal Powers 22:32
12. Nancy Friedman 22:51
13. Mark Mullen 22:50
14. Susan Cobb 23:39
15. Sue Garfield 23:59
16. Ann Sasaki 24:30
17. Barry Christian 25:41
18. Mag Donaldson 26:59
19. Grant Springer 28:15
20. Will Powning 32:35
21. Ed DeCossio 40:38
22. Steve North 44:23

Short Course

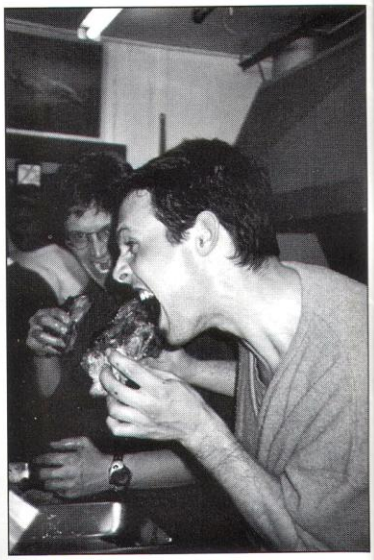
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3. Thersa Ouano 10:49
4. Pam Stillwagon 11:03
5. Ben Owen 12:30
6. Era Osibe 13:40
7. Debby Rose 15:37
8. Don Reid 15:37

Pilots: *Susan Allen and Rubin Hechanova*

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South End Rowing Club
New Year's Day Alacatraz
January 1, 1999

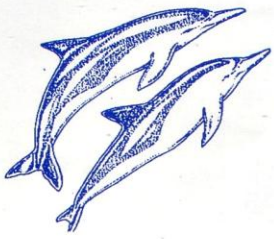
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4. Sean Kelly 34:25
5. David Ritter 35:02
6. Brett Graessler 35:35
7. Alex Johnston 35:55
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10. Tom Pier 37:15
11. Tim Reid 37:52
12. Laura Merkel 38:46
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22. Gary Emich 43:08
23. Phil Scarborough 43:16
24. Eric vonBlankenberg .. 43:32



Dolphin pagans feast upon Martin Gran's Halloween lamb

Pam Stillwagon

25. Eric Burke 43:50
26. Peter McLaughlin 45:15
27. Kate Coleman 45:43
28. Peter Newbauer 46:02
29. Krist Jake 47:40
30. Jim Labrenz 48:52
31. Fred Johnson 49:18
32. Tim Spicer 49:40
33. Bruce Armbruster 49:52
34. Kevin O'Keefe 50:18
35. Andy Field 52:04
36. Joffra Lyczko 52:09
37. Chris Trotta 53:19
38. Keith Nowell 55:10
39. Dan MacCharini 57:00
40. Jean Scudder 57:11
41. Jim Dekker 57:24
42. Anthony Ducomb 58:06
43. Ray Hassam 59:31
44. Jim Grant *short course*



Dining á la Dolphin

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For frosting:
6 oz. semisweet chocolate
2 Tbs. butter
2 Tbs. light corn syrup
3 Tbs. milk

Preheat oven to 325º. Butter and flour a 10" tube or bundt pan.

Melt chocolate and coffee together. Set aside to cool.

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar together. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each. Blend in cooled chocolate mixture and vanilla. Stir together flour, soda and salt, and add mixture alternately with the buttermilk. Pour into pan and bake for about 1 hour, or until straw inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 5 minutes and turn out onto plate. While cake is still warm, drizzle with chocolate frosting.

Frosting: While cake is cooling, place all frosting ingredients in a pot on the stove and melt over low heat. Pour over cake.

Chef's note:

This cake is very good on the day it is baked. Ghirardelli chocolate works fine and is the cheapest. I also like Hershey's Special Dark, available in the candy section of the supermarket. More expensive, but terrific, is Caillebaut from Belgium.



Dolphin Art Show & Open House

Our fervor for Bay swimming and rowing, and the Dolphin Club itself, has inspired countless creative outbursts among our members. We paint ducks on the Staib Room windows, publish poems in the *Log*, adorn ourselves with dolphin jewelry and tattoos with aquatic themes, and mold our food into the shape of familiar sea creatures. Dolphin kids create sand masterpieces on our beach. The more traditional artists among us paint, draw and create 3-dimensional images inspired by the Bay, Aquatic Park and the Dolphin Club.

We've decided to focus those creative efforts! If enough interest is shown, the Club plans to host a Dolphin Art Show and Open House in the Spring of 1999. The tentative date is May 23rd, the same day as the Dick Beeler Crazy Cove Swim. We contemplate lots of art with a water theme, food, drink, music, "live" art (such as poetry reading) and art activities for the kids. This will be a true open house, allowing us to showcase our work and our spirit to our friends, neighbors and the interested public.

Folks may wish to sell their work, ideally with a percentage donation to the newly established Dolphin Club Building Fund with Friends of Recreation and Park. Others may prefer to show and keep their work.

Who should participate? Everybody! Professional artists, as well as those debuting their first works of art, are encouraged. All Dolphins, and kidlings of Dolphins, have something to contribute.

What Kind of Art? Stretch the meaning of "art" to its limits. Song, dance, written, spoken, photographic, pictorial, abstract and three dimensional works are what we hope to see. Of course, swimming and rowing are performing arts welcome at this event. Bay and club related theme art is encouraged. For example, it would be great to show a series of kids' "protect Bay water quality" posters, or 20 different representations of the club itself, or a series of vignettes of interesting aspects of the club..

The Art Show & Open House promises to be a very fun day. The energy involved in getting ready for the big day will be half the fun.

Please take the time to fill out this "Expression of Interest" form. Mail it to the club Attn: Meg Reilly (or leave it in Meg's mailbox at the club).

Dolphin Art Show & Open House
Expression of Interest

I'm thinking of participating:

- ❑ As an exhibitor
- ❑ As an organizer of the event
- ❑ As a helper at the event

I can give the following help:

- ❑ Set up & take down the show
- ❑ Publicity
- ❑ Security monitor
- ❑ Serve food & drink
- ❑ Give tours of the club

The kind of "art" I might submit would be:

- ❑ Photos
- ❑ Drawing or painting
- ❑ 3 dimensional
- ❑ Performance art
- ❑ Other

Comments:_____

Name:_____

Phone:_____

P.S. More details to follow. Watch the bulletin boards at the club. We expect to hold at least one meeting for participants. If you need support or encouragement to participate, plan to attend the meeting.

Dolphin News

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monitoring, and for a five year period, the Port will be required to report results of monitoring annually to the Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

What You Can Do. We who swim, row and kayak in Aquatic Park, are in the best position to see and report water quality problems. If you see petroleum slick on the water, or if you see people in the harbor dumping anything into the water, please report it!

Report Pollution. There are two ways easy ways to report pollution, and both are important. First, fill out a *Water Quality Monitoring Report*. These one page forms are posted in quantity on the bulletin board at the Club. Place completed forms in the envelope also posted on the board. If you report the pollution incident by telephone to any agency, please note that on your report. The Club forwards copies of these reports to the Port and to the SF Regional Water Quality Control Board, the agency responsible for enforcing water quality violations.

Second, there are special phone numbers to call if you see substantial petroleum slicks on the water. These numbers are posted at the club. Please call immediately if you see a petroleum spill. While it may seem that the agency you call is unresponsive, they log the call and it builds an "incident record" which may be important over time.

Both your written reports of water pollution, and any call you make regarding petroleum pollution are serious matters. Please regard them as such.

Burtch-Zovickian Baby Swims into World!

As parents Laura and Dave put it, it was a true Zovickian birth—early and scheduled. And it was a true Dolphin Club event, preceded by an early-morning cove swim whose participants included the smiling folks in the photo. Jump off was at 6 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 20, and the course was a big "zero" to celebrate Baby Z's zeroth birthday. (For the record, it was a flood tide.) While the other swimmers enjoyed donuts, John Selmer drove Dave and Laura to UCSF Medical Center, where at 9:21 a.m. Laura gave birth by Cesarean section to Noah Jacob. He weighed in at 6 lbs., 15 oz., measured 20-1/2" long, and arrived, says Laura, "in the streamlined breach position." Noah made his Club debut on Thanksgiving, although his first dip may have to wait for the warm-water months.

—Nancy Friedman

Cecco Swim

It was December 16th of 1998 at the Dolphin Club. The air was still, clear and warm at noontime like a summer day water temp was 51 F. A group of ten showed up on the beach in suits with about that many watching from the dock.

They were there to remember our pal Frank "Cecco" Menucci who swam away from us a year ago that day. Phil Rollins, Pam Stillwagon, Carol Watson, Don Harrison, Mary Cantini, Ann Sasaki, Marty Robin, George Robin, Sue Garfield and Chris Kelly did a little bowlegged jog on the beach upstream from the dock (ebb tide); mentioned their "Thank You's" in a close huddle; then jumped into the water, swimming the backstroke until the tide carried them back to the dock. A little vino brought out from a hiding place was shared, as we strolled back to the saunas to take a nap. Thank you sir, good memories.

-George Robin

Smoking Dogs

Your dog is welcome to swim from the public beach west of the club. Your dog is not permitted on club premises (clubhouse, deck, pier and beach). The club is a public facility. Smoking anywhere inside the facility is prohibited. If you or your dog want to smoke, take it outside. No exceptions.

From the Editors

The deadline for submissions for the Spring issue of the *Dolphin Log* is March 1, 1999. Feel free to contribute a story, ideas, photos, drawings, sketches, cartoons or archives that you think would be of interest to Dolphins. Leave your material in our box in the Staib Room, mail it to the Dolphin Club care of the editors, email it to *sheridansf@aol.com* or *janchris@pacbell.net* or approach us in person.

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1999 Swim Schedule

Schedule Subject to Changes

Date	Event	Jump-Off
December 21, 1998 - *Monday*	*Polar Bear Swim Begins*	
January 1 - *Thursday*	New Year's Day Alcatraz and Cove	TBA
January 31 - *Saturday*	☸ Mid-Winter Gas House Cove	TBA
February 14 - *Sunday*	Z - Man Mid-Winter Cove	TBA
March 21 - *Sunday*	☸ Spring Cove *Polar (Bear Swim Ends)*	TBA
April 17 - *Saturday*	☸ Yacht Harbor	TBA
April 23 - *Friday*	☸ South End Twilight Cove, Dinner, and Dance!	TBA
May 8 - *Saturday*	☸ Pier 43 1/2	TBA
May 23 - *Sunday*	☸ **Dick Beeler** Crazy Cove	TBA
June 1 - *Tuesday*	*100 Mile Swim Begins*	
June 12 - *Saturday*	☸ Crissy Field	TBA
June 18 - *Friday*	☸ Twilight Cove - Pot Luck and BBQ	TBA
July 4 - *Sunday*	☸ Pier 39	TBA
July 11 - *Sunday*	☸ Fort Point	TBA
July 17 - *Saturday*	☸ Trans Tahoe Relay	TBA
July 23 - *Friday*	☸ Gas House Cove Twilight—Pot Luck and BBQ	TBA
July 31 - *Saturday*	☸ Santa Cruz Pier Swim	TBA
August 13 - *Friday*	☸ Twilight Pier 43 1/2	TBA
August 28 - *Saturday*	☸ **Doc Howard** - Over 45 - Gas House Cove	TBA
September 12 - *Sunday*	☸ Over Sixty Cove - *Swim fees not necessary*	TBA
September 12 - *Sunday.*	Introduction to Bay Swimming	TBA
September 18 - *Saturday*	**Joe Bruno** Golden Gate II - Fast Day	TBA
September 19 - *Sunday*	**Joe Bruno** Golden Gate I - Slow Day	TBA
October 3 - *Sunday*	Alcatraz	TBA
October 10 - *Saturday*	Dolphin/South End Triathlon	TBA
October 17 - *Sunday*	Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon	TBA
October 24 - *Sunday.*	Handicap Cove	TBA
October 31 - *Saturday*	*100 Mile Swim Ends*	
November 13 - *Saturday*	Annual Swim and Pilot Appreciation Dinner	TBA
November 25 - *Thursday*	Thanksgiving Day Cove	TBA
December 19 - *Sunday*	New Year's Day Alcatraz Qualifier	TBA
December 21 - *Monday*	*Polar Bear Swim Begins*	

• Swim Program Rules •

1. Club scheduled swims are restricted to club members only.
2. Swimmers are required to wear fluorescent orange caps on all scheduled swims.
3. Swimmers must be members in good standing with dues current and swim fees paid.
4. New members are not eligible to swim in scheduled swims for 6 months from their membership start.
5. Out-of-cove swims are limited to 60 swimmers and may be further limited by the Swim Commission.
6. Alcatraz and Golden Gate swims are limited to 75 swimmers; Alcatraz swimmers are chosen by lottery.
7. Swim sign-up sheets are posted two weeks prior to each swim.
8. Time limits are imposed and enforced for all swims.
9. All club boats are reserved for scheduled swims.

• Additional qualifications for Alcatraz and Golden Gate Swims •

10. In-town members must successfully complete 2 swims marked with a wheel (☸) and one other scheduled swim and pilot or help on at least 2 others.
11. Out-of-town members (those residing 100+ miles from the club) must have successfully completed 2 of the last 3 club scheduled Alcatraz and/or Golden Gate swims or meet rule 10 above.
12. Once a member has qualified for Alcatraz/Golden gate swims, non-qualified members will be given priority to qualifying swims.





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OLD TIMERS DINNER, FEBRUARY 13,1999









Above are four of the many men honored at the dinner who have been Dolphins for over 25 <None>years or more. From Left to right: Joe Bruno - 65 years, Roland Demarais - 52 years, Walt Schneebeli - 50 years, Lou Marcelli - 33 years

We are Proud of our Tradition and Youth

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On the Cover

The cover for our 50th Anniversary issue is based on the cover layout, design and fonts of the November, 1953 issue. To read about the history of the *Dolphin Log*, turn to page 4.

Dolphin Club Lease Extended!

Your taxes were due on April 15th. That's the bad news. The good news is that on April 15, 1999 the Dolphin Club's lease was extended by 24 years to the year 2028! The extension was approved by our landlord, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Commission. The Club first requested the extension in 1995, concurrent with obtaining Commission approval of our locker room renovation plans. The Commission quickly accepted renovation plans involving nearly $500,000 in upgrades to our city owned building. However, it took four years of negotiation with Recreation and Parks' staff to obtain approval of the Club's exercise of its rights under the existing lease to extend an additional 24 years. We learned something from this exercise. It's important not to take the club, and its continued existence, for granted. In the year 2028, we will need to demonstrate the value of the Dolphin Club to the community it has always served.

Handball News

The two main handball tournaments of the year, the Cinco de Mayo and the Memorial Day Tournaments, will take place at the Dolphin and South End Clubs' handball courts. The South End will host the games and all Dolphins are invited to watch the competition and join in the festivities.



Cal Rowing Team Feted at the Club

The Cinco de Mayo tournament will highlight the best players in the Bay Area, and will be held on the weekend of May 1st and 2nd. Mexican food and beer will be available for a nominal charge.

The Memorial Day tournament attracts the best players from the Western United States and starts Friday night, May 28th with the finals on Sunday, May 30th. Previous tournaments had the finals on Memorial Day, but this time the finals will be the day before. There will be food and drinks available for a nominal charge. Both tournaments feature doubles competition and promise to be exciting events.

—George Brennan

Dolphin Club Barbecue Spurs Cal Crew on to Victory

On March 24, with the permission of the Dolphin Board of Directors, Dolphin Sebastian Bea brought his teammates from the University of California Men's and Women's crew to dine at the Dolphin Club.

Dinner was a great success. As the athletes powered through steak and chicken, it became impossible for Dominic Bea to award his perpetual "Eater of the Night Award," —as all oarsmen and oarswomen seemed to deserve it. Sadly coxswains stayed in the Staib Room to resist temptation.

Lou recited the Golden Rules, "Don't wake me up from my nap. And no swimmin' after midnight." Bill Pickelhaupt spoke about the history of the Clubs , and the historical connection between the Clubs and the Cal Crew. Tours of the facility were given.

A recruitment speech was delivered by Louise Bea, who charmingly listed all the amenities, facilities, and rules of the Club. The oarsmen's favorite rule seemed to be the one which does not exist: prohibition of beer. This was a departure from the strict Cal Crew policy during training. Additionally, the oarsmen seemed to grasp the importance of joining the Dolphin Club to help us wrest from the grip of the South Enders the coveted Dolphin/South End Triathlon Trophy.

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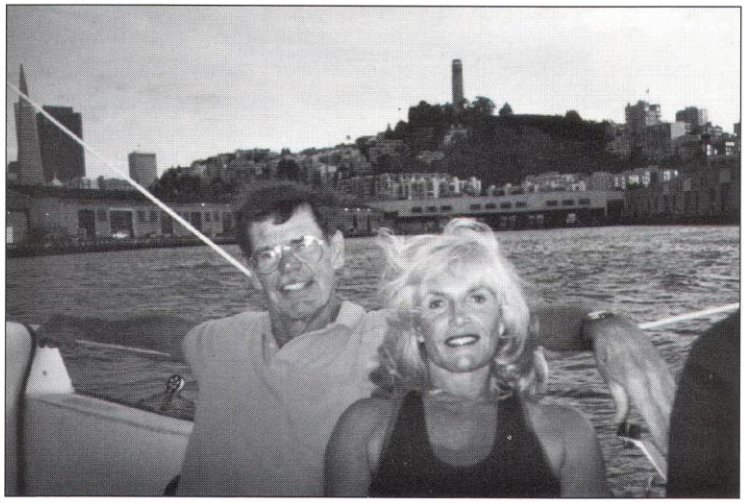
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The sentiment of the evening was best summed up by Caroline Ingham, future Dolphin, who wrote "I wanted to thank you again for the excellent dinner at the Dolphin Club...If I end up living in SF, I will definitely contact you about joining the Club. I find it hard to believe that anyone could love water more than I, but somehow I feel that in joining the Club, I will be in the company of those who share similar passions...boats, water, hard work, and most of all...companionship."



Love at the Club: Congratulations to John Tansley and Sherryl Kent on their recent marriage

The next day, the Cal stalwarts headed south for the San Diego Crew Classic, their first regatta of the season, and a race which the men's Varsity had not won in 17 years. To the delight of Cal fans everywhere, the Varsity 8 beat the Dogs (University of Washington) by an impressive 10 seconds, winning the coveted Copley Cup.

The *San Diego Union-Tribune* summed up the race, "The gun sounded and essentially, the race was over." The *Independent Rowing News* bumped Cal's ranking up to number one in the country. Cal coach Amerkhanian was sure what was the deciding factor: "It was the Dolphin dinner that did it."

Thank you to all the Dolphins who participated and helped, without whom dinner would never have happened.

Call 911!

Everyone has been taught to call 911 when someone is in trouble. If you've spent time at the Club, you've probably seen paramedics arrive to treat a cold swimmer at the Dolphin Club, the South End Club or elsewhere in Aquatic Park.

Have you ever wondered who calls 911 at the club, and when? Almost always, the call is made by a club member after encountering someone who appears to be in trouble. The caller is usually a Good Samaritan using his or her best judgement in a scary situation. The most frequent form of "trouble" triggering a 911 call from the Club is potential hypothermia.

Here are a few thoughts about 911. If no one got too cold, 911 would seldom be dialed. Getting too cold is a self-inflicted condition, usually induced by staying in the water too long. Nobody plans to get too cold or to get hypothermia. It's usually a result of bad judgement, unanticipated circumstances or both.

It's difficult to witness people in trouble. It's equally difficult to be faced unexpectedly with decisions regarding the person in trouble. Calling 911 isn't fun or easy. It's upsetting, and turns a good day into a bad day. To put it bluntly, getting so cold that you scare the people around you,

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DOLPHIN LOG | *Founding Father*

"October 5 is the deadline for the naming of the Club paper. A fifth of bourbon to the winner."

Thus began the legacy of the *Dolphin Log* , in August of 1949. *Log* founder Roland Demarais wrote those words three months after the first regularly published account of Club history and life appeared to a membership of one hundred thirty-four people. Though newsletters, flyers and single-page announcements had appeared before the latter part of 1949, Demarais, who went on to serve as Club president for a time in the 1950s, was the first to publish a regular journal of Club events. "He deserves all the credit for it." says Walt Schneebeli, Club historian. Fifty years later, the *Log* continues its mission of witnessing the collective life of the membership and their times.



Roland Demarais and Walt Schneebeli: Founding Log Editor and Club Historian

Apparently there were no takers for Demarais' bacchanalian offer, so he stuck with the name and began to grow the content of the *Log* and add production value, researching and writing most of the material himself. The *Log* was mimeographed in its first years, and member Vince Kelly contributed his line drawings and his time with reproducing and distributing the editions. As the magazine and the membership grew in the 50s and early 60's, member Freddy Herms occasionally assisted DeMarais by contributing articles. The first photograph was printed in the July 1953 issue and the *Log* went to reproduction on a printing press around this time. It grew in page length and was published up to 12 times a year.

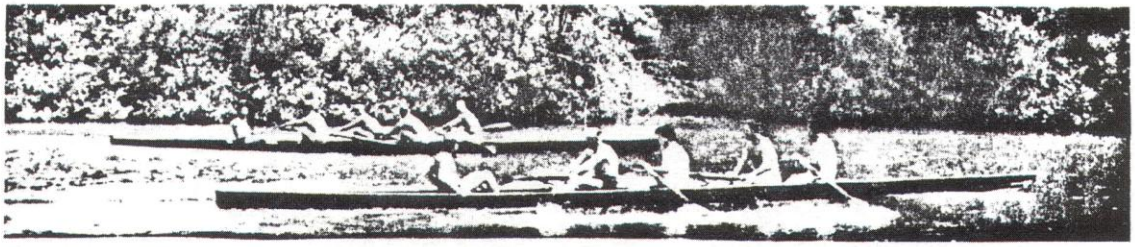
Sponsored by his uncle Andy Dunne, a San Francisco fire fighter, Demarais joined the Dolphin Club in 1946. He had been born and raised in the City and spent his early years in the Western Addition and the Mission district, graduating from St. James High school (now known as Riordan). Already regularly involved in several educational journals of the time, including editing the PTA *Journal*, the city school administrator and union officer immediately saw the need to regularly document the life of the Club. There was much to write about—whether or not to allow card playing at the Club, heated debates on board issues of the day and coverage of the competitions, exhibitions and characters of the Club and waterfront scene. "The stories we did on the Dolphins rowing up in Guerneville—I was really happy with those," he reminisced recently. Even given this aggressive schedule, Demarais still found time to enjoy the Club's facilities, swimming regularly and rowing at Lake Merced. His bay rowing was limited to a few eventful voyages, one of which ended aboard a windswept and waterlogged *Wieland*, which had to be towed into the cove by the fishing boat *Peggy Ann*. He enjoyed greater moments in the bay as opposed to on it, completing 8 Golden Gate crossings.

At two points, in 1952 and again in 1955, Demarais served simultaneously as President of the Club and *Log* editor. Was balancing the two tasks a daunting effort, not to mention a source of political trouble? Demarais pauses for a moment, thinking. "No." The key to success as both president and editor? "(Being) on top of all those committees...you have to know the people on them well." Demarais continued on as editor until 1965, his sixteen-year tenure being the longest in the *Log*'s history. He is the only member to serve as editor and president at the same time.

Demarais has had a long look at what the *Log* has become since his tenure, and he likes what he sees. "It's improved a hundred percent. The writing got better, the whole *Log* is better."

From the mimeographs and line drawings of the past to desktop publishing and a web site now, *Log* contributors, photographers and editors have created a parade of news, humor, adventure and insight for their membership. War, economic downturns, spelling errors, blown deadlines, misnomers and misquotes have not daunted this group of sometime journalists through the years, and they have weathered these setbacks with the love they brought, and bring, to their labors. Perhaps in another fifty years, a like-minded group of people will look back and then forward as we do today. For now, the fifth of bourbon still stands on the shelf, awaiting a taker.

DOLPHINS ENJOY RUSSIAN RIVER WATER CARNIVAL



Winners of the junior fours by a half length are the crew in the foreground: cox. Tom Troneum, str. Duke Chelini, #3 John McElroy, #2 "Horse" Massucco, bow Dominic Anzalone. The other boat includes: cox. Lawton Hughes, str. Joe Weiss, #3 "Scotty" Tarantino, #2 Carl Noto, bow Stan Rybicki.

OH THAT HAT PARTY

Karen Heisler, with her scale model replica of the cove, won the Great Dolphin Club Hat Contest at the Potluck Bar-B-Que a few weekends ago. By donating her winning hat to the club, she helped raise $185.00 for the Boat Maintenance Fund. The hat is now on display in the Staib Room.

Organizers Herman Zahler, Bill Powning and Louise Bea were thrilled with the success of the evening. Louise noted that the success was in part due to the kindness of Ned Hoffman, the Boat Captain, who graciously allowed the use of the Boat House for dancing as prescribed by the Dolphin Club by-laws.

The next pot-luck bar-b-que is scheduled for Saturday, August 18. Members are invited to bring their own meat (or soy substitute) for bar-b-queing and one dish to share. As the theme is Multi-Cultural, members are asked to dust off their favorite family recipe and head for the kitchen.

See you there! *1984*



Karen Heisler and the winning hat

SHORE FISHING IN SAN FRANCISCO

We asked Fred Herms to contribute his wisdom on fishing in San Francisco Bay. He sent the following:



This is a brief account of angling from three of San Francisco's beaches, based on my observations over the years.

Aquatic Park Beach: Hours permitted for fishing may vary; consult Lifeguard. Barred, redtail, walleye surfperch, white and rubberlip seaperch, and pileperch are frequently caught February through April. Striped bass are occasionally hooked during this period; however, the best months seem to be October through December. Star Starry flounders are sometimes abundant in February and March. Small brown rockfish (bolina) can be caught throughout the year, the first half of a flood tide occurring during early evening hours. Pacific sanddabs appear during winter when the water temperature drops to 47°F.

Baker Beach: Barred, redtail, calico, walleye, and silver surfperch constitute the prime attraction February through May. Stray striped bass are sometimes hooked during these months. Better catches are made October and November. Sandsole are plentiful August and September. Occasionally a California halibut as large as 35 pounds is beached, a whole anchovy used as bait.

Ocean Beach: Barred, redtail, walleye, and silver surfperch are present throughout the year. Striped bass are often landed in numbers June and July, and again September and October.

Tides: Aquatic Park and Baker Beaches -- the first two hours of flood with a 3.5 foot difference or greater between low and high. Often the last hour of ebb preceding the same is opportune.
Ocean Beach -- the last hour of a strong flood, and the first two hours of ebb thereafter.

Bait: For surfperch -- pile worms, sand crabs, and small fillets of semifrozen mackerel.
Seaperch and pileperch -- pile worms, grass shrimp and frozen raw prawns.
Striped bass and rockfish -- pile worms, mackerel fillets and frozen anchovies.
Starry flounders, sand sole and Pacific sanddabs -- not very selective.
Mackerel and prawns may be purchased inexpensively in Chinatown.

Lures: Mickey Mouse and Hopkins #4H cast at Ocean Beach for bass when birds feed on anchovies closet to shore.

Rods and Reels: for Aquatic Park Beach -- any rod capable of casting a 2 to 4 ounce sinker, reel adapted to rod. Baker and Ocean Beaches -- a rod 11 feet or longer which can cast a sinker as heavy as 8 ounces. Although a spinning reel is recommended for a spinning rod, I prefer the conventional type such as the Penn 140 Squidder.

Line: 20 pound test monofilament.

Hooks and Leaders: The 2/0 octopus is my favorite. At ti times I use 3/0 or 4/0 for bass in the surf. Two hooks are attached to a 3 foot surf leader (30 pound test), one on each loop thereof.

Sinkers: For Aquatic Park Beach -- 2 to 4 ounce pyramid. Baker Beach -- 6 ounce pyramid. Ocean Beach -- 8 ounce pyramid.

Sandspike: A substantial one is a must for surf fishing.

License (resident): $5.00.

In conclusion, keep your hooks sharp and good luck!

Fred Herms, Jr.
Disciple of Izaak Walton

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44TH DOLPHIN GOLDEN GATE SWIM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Karen Transom reigns as 1960 Golden Gate Swim Queen. President Tom Transom, her father, and sister Linda admire her crown.

HANDBALL AWARDS DINNER, TUES., OCTOBER 11
By Ray Ballesmini

They are there but to be first for everything and I believe that the dinner for the presentation of handball trophies will be enhanced by the presence of the wives and girl friends of the members.

I hope to see one of the largest groups we ever had. I won't guarantee it but I hope to have a little entertainment.

The place: Cassoe's Restaurant, Powell & Bay Streets. Date: Tuesday, October 11. Cocktails: 6:30 p.m. Dinner: 7:30 p.m. Price: $2.75 (tax & tip included). Sign up at the Club or notify me by phone MA 1-4581.

NEW MEMBERS SUMMONED TO INITIATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th

SWIM DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF STAN RYBICKI

Forty-one Dolphins will enter the Club's Golden Gate Swim, Sunday, October 2, diving at 10 a.m. from the Ft. Point area at the end of a flood tide.

The swim will be dedicated to the memory of Stan Rybicki, Past President and for many years swimming commissioner, who died last April in an auto crash while driving a chief's car in response to a false alarm.

Bob Farrell, 17, all-city swim champion from St. Ignatius High who is presently enrolled at Stanford, is the favorite.

Dan Kane, who has annexed the last four Gate titles, elected to retire this year. Stan established a Club record in 1958 with a time of 19 min., 48 sec.

Lauran Hughes has set the jump-off time at the at the end of flood tide which usually presents the most favorable swimming conditions.

Thirteen novices will be making their first Gate bid: Frank Bine, Ted Connelly, Gordon Cook, Dick Haggard, Herb Jackson, Mike Milliman, John Stephenson, Bill Williams, Bob Boff, Jack Mashkikian, Claude Walters, Bob Kelly, and Bob Farrell.

After the swim there will be dancing at the clubhouse and trophies will be presented.

Spectators may view the swim from a Harbor Tours boat which will depart from Pier 45 at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are $1.00.

SCHEDULE

Pilots assemble at Club	7:30 a.m.
Pilots depart	8:30 a.m.
Swimmers assemble at Club	8:00 a.m.
Swimmers' boat departs from Pier 45	9:00 a.m.
Harbor Tours boat departs from Pier 45	9:30 a.m.
Dancing at Club	1:00 p.m.
Presentation of trophies	3:00 p.m.

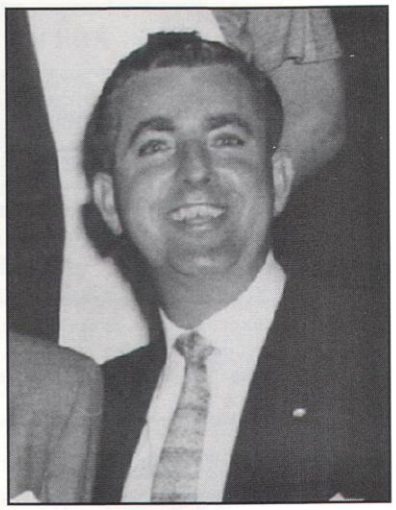
Roland Demarais:
May 1949 - September 1965

1949: *Anita Day Hubbard, 1st female Dolphin, is given membership.*

1950: *Dolphin Club wins Pacific Amateur Oarsmen Regatta.*

1953: *1st photograph published in Log.*

1963: *Swimmer Jim Small is killed by a passing boat as he strokes for the finish of the first Sausalito-to-Club race.*



Roland Demarais



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502 Jefferson Street — [illegible] LAWRENCE WITTER, Editor — MICHAEL LYONS, Editor — Organized 1877

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50th ANNUAL GOLDEN GATE SWIM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

THE DOLPHIN COLONEL
By Ayer Blanco

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SCHEDULE

Pilots Assemble at Club	8 A.M.
Pilot Boats Depart for Gate	9:00 A.M.
Swimmers Assemble at Club	8:00 A.M.
Swimmers Dog Dolphin Pier 41	9:15 A.M.
Spectator's Boat Leaves at Pier 41½	9:10 A.M.
Spectator Boat Departs Pier 45½	9:30 A.M.
Swimmers jump off	10:00 A.M.

DOLPHIN CLUB RUNNING TEAM
By Walt Schneebeli

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AQUATIC PARK RUN

1. Carter	15:00
2. Cohen	15:20
3. Haskell	15:22
4. Lyons	17:03
5. Evans	17:32
6. Ayer	19:05
7. Small	14:10
8. [illegible]	18:11
9. O'Brien	20:45
10. Bottjen	21:00
11. Pinard	21:31
12. Rd In Crank	22:50
13. Watkins	19:45
14. Carter	-
15. Scot Barker	-

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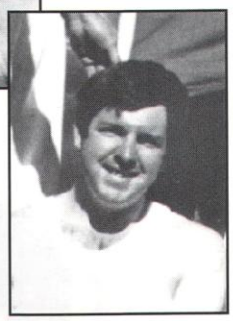
Dr. Lawrence Witter and Michael Lyons:
December 1965 - April 1968

1965: *Construction completed on 1st Club sauna.*

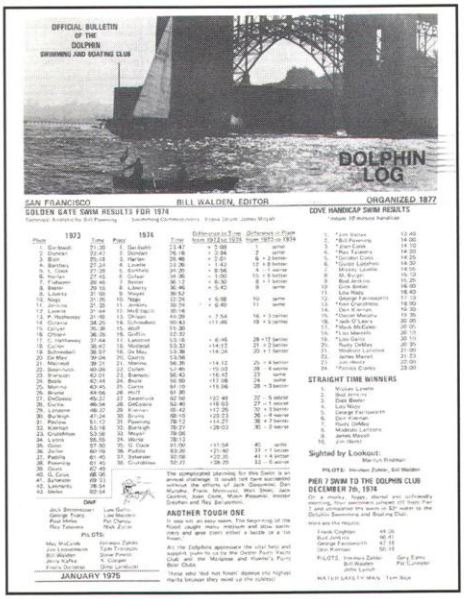
1967: *Lieutenant Colonel Stewart Evans swims from the Farallon Islands to the mainland, becoming the first and only human to achieve this feat.*



Dr. Lawrence Witter



Michael Lyons



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GOLDEN GATE SWIM RESULTS FOR 1974

Place	1973	Time	Place	1974	Time	Difference in Time from 1973 to 1974	Difference in Place from 1973 to 1974
1.	Ed Booth	21:20	1.	Dan Booth	21:47	+ 7:00	same
2.	Duncan	22:41	2.	Duncan	24:18	+ 1:34	same
3.	Blair	25:14	3.	Harter	25:36	+ 2:04	6 + 3 better
4.	Chesney	25:37	4.	Chesney	25:50	+ 1:42	12 + 8 better
5.	L. Cook	27:28	5.	Bonfiglio	27:20	+ 8:58	5 + 1 worse
6.	Harter	27:45	6.	Cohen	24:36	+ 1:00	15 + 9 better
7.	Tallacken	28:40	7.	Baxter	28:12	+ 8:30	9 + 1 better
8.	Baxter	29:16	8.	Liberty	30:46	+ 5:40	9 same
9.	Liberty	30:46	9.	Nagy	31:24		
10.	Nagy	31:28	10.	Tobin	31:28	+ 6:08	10 same
11.	Jenkins	31:28	11.	Jenkins	30:34	+ 6:40	11 same
12.	Lewis	31:44	12.	McElligott	30:18		
13.	P. Hathaway	31:58	13.	Olivieri	44:28	+ 7:54	16 + 3 worse
14.	Duncan	32:00	14.	Richardson	31:42	+ 7:48	19 + 5 better
15.	Cooper	35:38	15.	Wolf	31:30		
16.	Olivieri	36:26	16.	Griffin	32:32		
17.	C. Hathaway	37:04	17.	Lawrence	32:58	+ 6:46	28 + 11 better
18.	Curtin	38:47	18.	Mitchell	33:32	+14:17	21 + 3 better
19.	Schneebeli	38:57	19.	De Mary	33:38	+14:28	20 + 1 better
20.	De Mary	39:04	20.	Garcia	33:58		
21.	Mitchell	39:15	21.	Cooper	34:12	+14:12	25 + 4 better
22.	Sherman	40:08	22.	Cohen	34:46	+15:10	28 + 6 worse
23.	Branson	42:01	23.	Branson	36:43	+16:43	23 same
24.	Bass	42:44	24.	Boyce	36:58	+17:06	24 same
25.	Marino	43:45	25.	Curtin	64:10	+15:06	28 + 3 better
26.	Boyce	44:04	26.	Bass	38:13		
27.	Dickinson	45:20	27.	Swanson	40:40	+7:40	27 - 0 same
28.	Curtis	46:04	28.	DeGrazia	56:40	+18:03	29 + 1 worse
29.	Lowrie	46:32	29.	Kerman	41:42	+12:26	30 + 1 worse
30.	Burleigh	47:24	30.	Bruno	68:15	+20:23	30 - 0 worse
31.	Perkins	51:12	31.	Fleming	78:12	+14:27	30 + 1 worse
32.	Kiernan	53:18	32.	Burleigh	78:27	+29:03	30 - 0 worse
33.	Hathaway	53:58	33.	Ayer	78:13		
34.	Lynch	55:55	34.	Mintz	78:13		
35.	Quist	57:50	35.	D. Cook	81:00	+11:54	40 same
36.	Zeller	60:06	36.	Perkins	83:20	+21:40	33 + 3 worse
37.	Peddy	61:40	37.	Johansen	92:58	+22:35	41 + 4 worse
38.	Fleming	67:40	38.	Gundelfinger	92:21	+28:25	42 - 4 worse
39.	Mintz	67:40					
40.	G. Cook	68:06					
41.	Johansen	69:13					
42.	Lamberti	78:54					
43.	Mintz	82:04					

DNF

Jack Brennecker — Lew Berlo
George Tracy — Lee Mendon
Paul Mintz — Pat Clancy
Ray Talavera — Mark Zeller

PILOTS:

Max McCorkle — Norman Zeller
Jon Leavenworth — Tom Transom
Bill Walden — Steve Powell
Jerry Kuffel — A. Cooper
Frank Christian — Jack Brennecker

JANUARY 1975

ANOTHER TOUGH ONE

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COVE HANDICAP SWIM RESULTS

1.	Lew Berlo	12:48
2.	* Bill Fleming	14:00
3.	* Jean Cook	14:10
4.	* Steve Powell	14:20
5.	* Gordon Cook	14:25
6.	* Quist Lattimer	14:30
	Mindy Lavelle	14:55
8.	M. Bryan	15:12
9.	* Bill Walden	15:50
10.	Dave Bolton	16:00
11.	Lou Nagy	16:40
12.	George Farnsworth	17:13
13.	* Ken Christman	18:00
14.	Dan Kiernan	19:00
15.	* Daniel Murphy	19:30
16.	* Mark McCabe	20:00
17.	* Mark McCabe	20:00
18.	* Lou Marcello	20:15
19.	* Lyle Quist	20:10
20.	Rusty DeMars	20:30
21.	* Quist Lattimer	21:00
22.	James Mayott	21:23
23.	Jon Heinz	22:00
24.	* Rusty DeMars	23:00

STRAIGHT TIME WINNERS

1. Mindy Lavelle
2. Bob Bonfiglio
3. Dan Baxter
4. Jack Cook
5. George Farnsworth
6. Dan Kiernan
7. Rusty DeMars
8. Malcolm Lamont
9. James Mayott
10. Jon Heinz

Sighted by Lookout:
Marilyn Fleitner

PILOTS: Norman Zeller, Bill Walden

PIER 7 SWIM TO THE DOLPHIN CLUB DECEMBER 7th, 1974

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PILOTS: Norman Zeller, Bill Walden — Gary Evans, Pat Clancy — John Lynch

WATER LADY'S CREW: Tom Rice

Dave Hinton:
September 1968 - December 1971

1968 - Dolphin Club wins Farallon Island to Club relay swim against South End Club by 1 hour twenty minutes.



Dave Hinton



Bill Walden

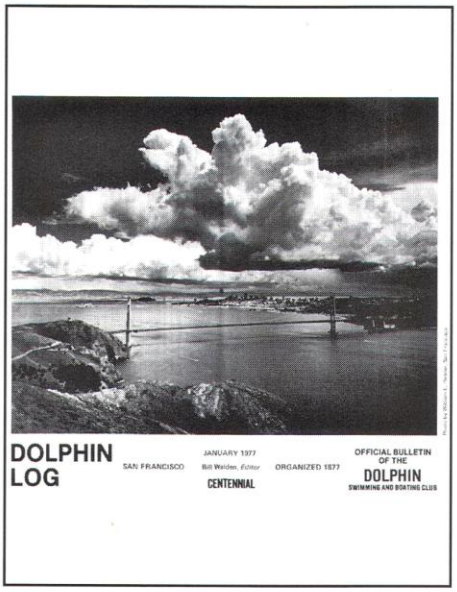
Bill Walden:
April 1972 - December 1977

1972: Dolphin Steve Cuthbert MIA over Vietnam.

1974: Honorary Life Member Jack La Lanne, shackled and manacled, tows a row-boat from Alcatraz to the Club in less than 90 minutes.

1976: Women are allowed the same access, privileges and membership to Club.

1977: Dolphin Club Centennial Dinner held to mark the Club's 100th birthday.



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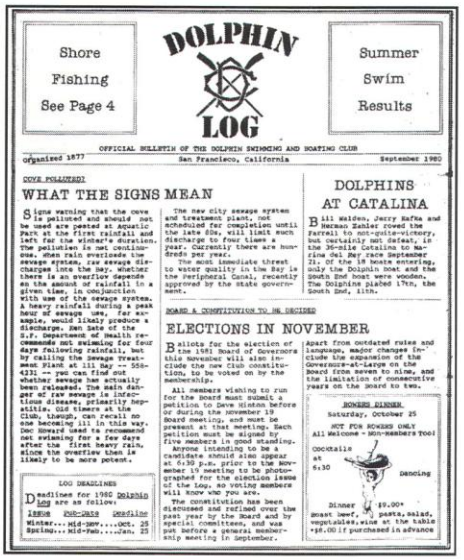
Cynthia Erlich

Cynthia Ehrlich:
January 1978 - April 1982

1979: Dolphin Men's & Women' s relay teams dominate Maui Channel swim.

1980: A transient camping underneath the club accidentally starts a fire that destroys the newly acquired Ariel Club building. Many photographs and other archives are destroyed.

1981: The Dolphin Club re-opens to guests and visitors.



Shore Fishing See Page 4

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Summer Swim Results

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COVE POLLUTED!

WHAT THE SIGNS MEAN

Signs warning that the cove is polluted and should not be used are posted at Aquatic Park at the first rainfall and left for the winter's duration. The pollution is not continuous, when rain overloads the sewage system, raw sewage discharges into the bay. Whether there is an overflow depends on the amount of rainfall in a given time, in conjunction with use of the sewage system. A heavy rainfall during a peak hour of sewage use, far exceeds, would likely produce a discharge. San Rafe of the S.F. Department of Health recommends not swimming for four days following rainfall, but by calling the Sewage Treatment Plant at 111 Bay -- 558-4211 -- you can find out whether sewage has actually been released. The main danger of raw sewage is infectious disease, primarily hepatitis. Old timers at the Club, though, can recall no one becoming ill in this way. Doc Howard used to recommend not swimming for a few days after the first heavy rain, since the overflow then is likely to be more potent.

LOG DEADLINES

Deadlines for 1980 Dolphin Log are as follow:

ISSUE	PUBLICATION	deadline
Winter...	mid-NOV...	Oct. 25
Spring...	Mid-Feb....	Jan. 25

The new city sewage system and treatment plant, not scheduled for completion until the late 80s, will limit such discharge to four times a year. Currently there are hundreds per year.

The most immediate threat to water quality in the Bay is the peripheral Canal, recently approved by the state government.

BOARD & CONSTITUTION TO BE DECIDED

ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER

Ballots for the election of the 1981 Board of Governors this November will also include the new Club constitution, to be voted on by the membership.

All members wishing to run for the board must submit a petition to Dave Kinton before or during the november 19 Board meeting, and must be present at that meeting. Each petition must be signed by five members in good standing.

Anyone intending to be a candidate should also appear at 6:30 p.m. prior to the November 19 meeting to be photographed for the election issue of the Log, so voting members will know who you are.

The constitution has been discussed and refined over the past year by the Board and by special committees, and was put before a general membership meeting in September.

Apart from outdated rules and language, major changes include the expansion of the Governors-at-Large on the Board from seven to nine, and the limitation of consecutive years on the board to two.

DOLPHINS AT CATALINA

Bill Walden, Jerry Hafke and Herman Zahler rowed the Farrell to not-quite-victory, but certainly not defeat, in the 26-mile Catalina to Marina del Rey race September 21. Of the 18 boats entering, only the Dolphin boat and the South End boat were wooden. The Dolphins placed 17th, the South End, 11th.

ROWERS DINNER

Saturday, October 25

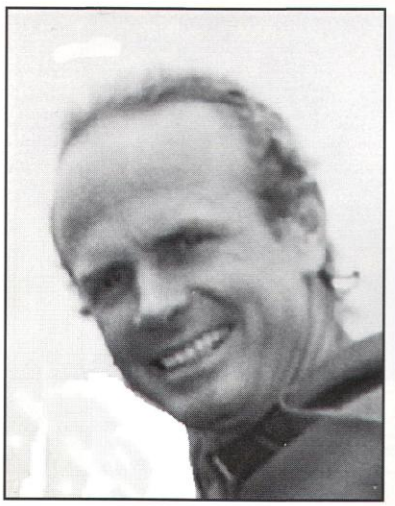
NOT FOR ROWERS ONLY

All Welcome - Non-members Too!

Cocktails at 6:30 — Dancing

Dinner $9.00+

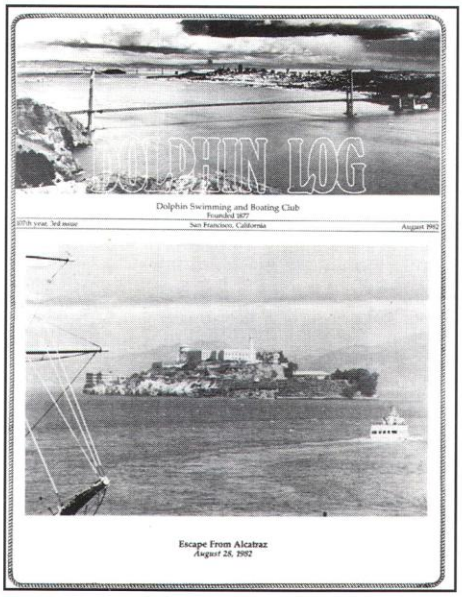
Roast beef, pasta, salad, vegetables, wine at the table +$8.00 if purchased in advance



Jim Cotton

Jim Cotton:
June 1982 - December 1982

1982: Rowing titan and teacher Lawton Hughes dies.



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Escape From Alcatraz

August 28, 1982



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ROWING RESULTS

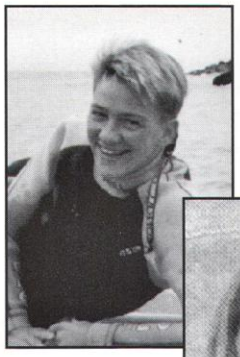
BOATHOUSE UPDATE

Jamie Nelson, Randy Bradner & Debra Howard:
March 1983 - December 1983

1983: Winter storms destroy tanning area known as "The Pit" and severely damage the Club's pier.

Linda Stanley (Braski) and Debra Howard:
March 1984 - March 1985

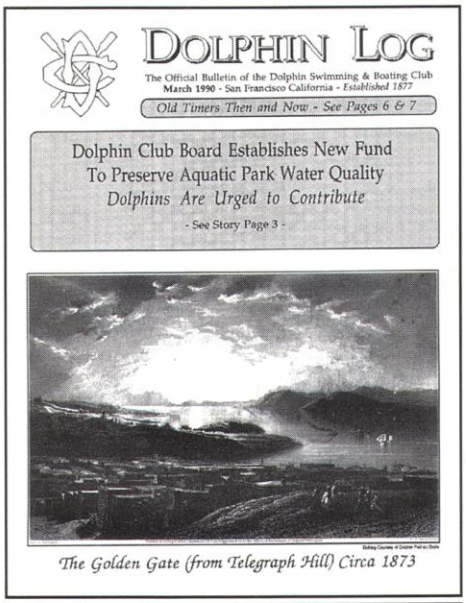
1985 - Construction begins on Aquatic Park's east breakwater.



Linda Stanley



Deborah Howard



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Old Timers Then and Now - See Pages 6 & 7

Dolphin Club Board Establishes New Fund
To Preserve Aquatic Park Water Quality
Dolphins Are Urged to Contribute
- See Story Page 3 -

The Golden Gate (from Telegraph Hill) Circa 1873

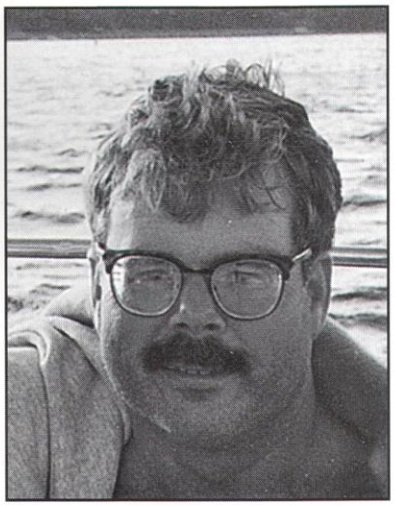
Jeffery Howard Heth:
April 1985 - December 1993

1985: Joe Bruno completes his 50th Golden Gate crossing.

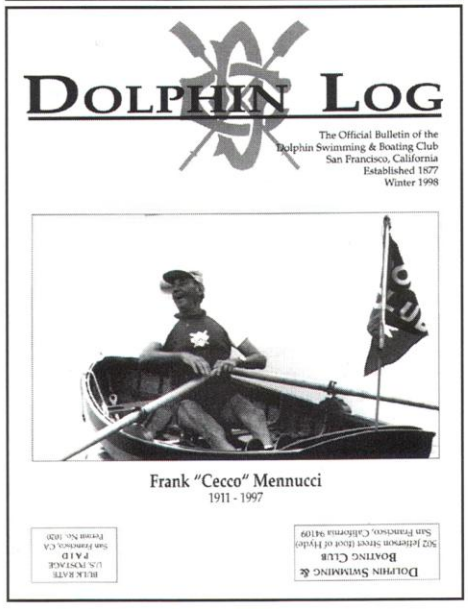
1988: Balclutha *arrives at Aquatic Park for permanent berthing at the Hyde Street Pier.*

1989 - Herman Zahler dies as he takes a drink in the galley, while helping out on a swim.

1992: Well over a century old, the pleasure barge John Wieland *is rolled into the Club boat shop for a comprehensive overhaul.*



Jeffrey Howard Heth



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Frank "Cecco" Mennucci
1911 - 1997

Chris Kelly, Kevin Starr and Matthew C. Sheridan:
Fall 1993 - Winter 1994

1993: Log *issued with 1st color cover in its history.*

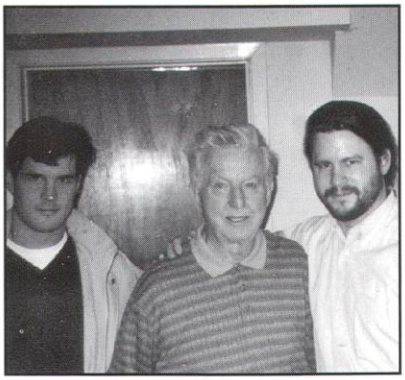
1993: Laura Merkl becomes 1st woman to win Polar Bear.

Chris Kelly and Matthew C. Sheridan:
Spring 1995 - Present

1997: Fully overhauled and refurbished, the John Wieland *is launched.*

1997: Dolphin Frank "Cecco" Mennucci dies.

1998: Dolphin Club web site is posted online.



Chris Kelly
Roland Demarais
Matthew C. Sheridan



WE THE DOLPHINS
by Bud Sterling

The next time any of you Dolphins are walking on Polk Street just put your nose in the Swan Oyster Depot and say hello to Sal Sancimino, or popularly known Baby Sal.

Baby Sal is the only member in the Club having the distinction of being the father of six future Dolphins - Vincent, the oldest is 11; Stephen, 10; John, 8; Tommy, 6; Jimmy 3½ and Philip, 2½. Yes, Sir!

Sal is a great advocator of the youth movement and you can rest assured when the boys from the Hanna Center visit the Club as guests, Sal will see to it that each and every boy has all the ice cream he can eat.

After a hitch with the Sea Bees in the South Pacific Sal returned to the Club and acted as recording secretary for several years. He was instrumental in sending crews and a singles to participate in a regatta on Lake Meade.

A great lover of amateur athletics, Sal has trophies for handball and swimming the Gate and at one time was an outstanding lightweight wrestler for the Olympic Club.

Say hello to Baby Sal and you will enjoy a chat with a guy that has a ready smile and a keen sense of humor.

BILL WILLIAMS WINS CLUB'S FIRST ALCATRAZ SWIM

Bill Williams, 42, a former Merchant Marine skipper and a new member, won the Club's first organized Alcatraz to San Francisco swim two weeks ago with a time of 47 minutes and 40 seconds.

Results and times for the two and a quarter mile course were: 2nd, Cliff Quist, 50:15; 3rd, Voldi Walter, 50:40; 4th, Herb Jackson, 56:27; 5th, Gordon Cook, 57:10; 6th, Dr. Fred Howard, 57:45; 7th, John Stephenson, 58:00; 8th, Bob Webb, 67:10; 9th, Frank Drum, 67:30; 10th, Joe Mares, 67:45; 11th, Bob Hoff, 71:00.

Gene and Frank Tristano furnished the fishing boat "Rosella D.", named after the mother of the DiMaggio boys, for the jump-off west of the "Rock".

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DOLPHIN-MERIONETTES AQUACADE, SAT., OCT. 22



S. F. Merionettes - Sharon Hood, Phyllis Firman, Louella Sommers, and Margaret Durbrow.

Dolphins will have the opportunity of seeing the new national synchronized swimming team in action - our own S.F. Merionettes, when they perform in the Dolphin-Merionette Aquacade, Saturday, October 22, Larsen Pool, 19th Avenue and Wawona Street.

Childrens' stories and fairy tales will be presented in keeping with the theme "Phantasy Land."

Among the Dolphin events on the program will be the Presidents Cup Race.

Tickets are priced at $2.00 and $1.00.

BOB FARRELL WINS RACCOON STRAITS SWIM

Seventeen year old Bob Farrell took a five yard lead just fifty yards from the start, never looked back, and pulled away at the end to win the Dolphin Clubs eighth annual Raccoon Straits Swim on September 10.

Order of the finish and time: Bob Farrell, 14.27; Joe Flahaven, 15.20; Mike Milliman, 15.50; Hector Valencia, 16.20; Al Swanson, 18.20; Vince Cannazarro, 18.22; Bill Williams, 18.24; Vic Winkel, 19.59; Jim Healy, 20.05; Tom Troneum, 20.45; Rudy DeMay, 20.49; Pete Kruger, 26.20; Gordon Cook, 26.56; Joe Bruno, 26.58.

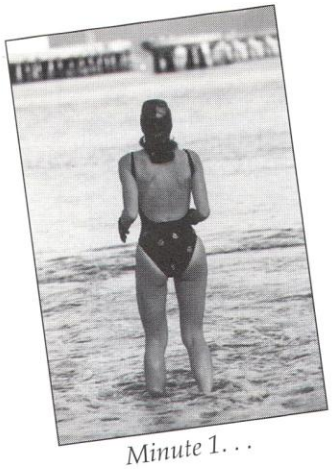
Ken Gaal, 27.30; Dr. Fred Howard, 27.48; John Stephenson, 27.49; Voldi Walters, 28.10; Claude Walters, 28.18; Bob Hoff, 28.20; Cliff Quist, 29.09; Bob Webb, 29.22; Herb Jackson, 29.32; Dan Murphy, 29.38; Steve Gaal, 29.44; Joe Mares, 29.46; Joe Weiss, 30.10; Frank Drum, 30.12; Jack Mashlakian, 30.34; Dick Haggard, 40.

LOCKER ROOM (cont'd)

Heading a work party to paint the outside of the Club are FRANK DRUM and CLIFF QUIST.

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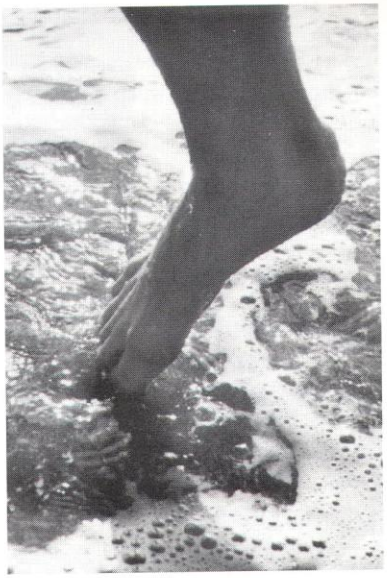


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Swinging Into Spring

by Sid Hollister

It's never easy sitting out the winter season, especially when a good spell of that sitting is done in a sauna crowded with seekers of Polar Bear glory. Since they can speak only in Neandrathal grunts and mumbles, it gives those who merely sit and sweat a rare opportunity. These non-swimmers can expound without fear of interruption on how taking daily dips in sub-50 degree water has thrown every breed of 'ologist into a tizzy. Is it possible, these scientists wonder, that pinnipeds are more intelligent than bipeds? Nodding heads, sometimes mistakenly taken for shivering, are a clear sign of agreement—at least in the sauna in mid-January—that the question is up for grabs.



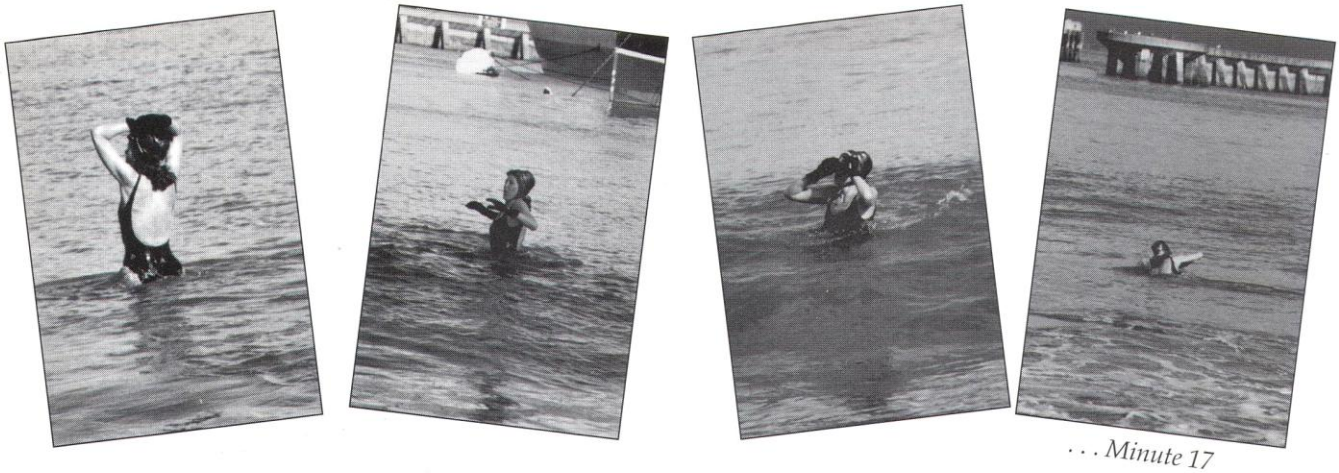
Ah, but Spring is here at last, bringing "warmer" water. It's time for all Dolphin swimmers to cast aside the mildewed towels and limp loofas of winter and head for the beach, eager to experience as if for the first time the thrill of gasping for air and gradually going numb.

To break the ice, so to speak, you've got to start with a bit of stretching, especially of the bright orange neoprene hats that months of disuse have shrunk. To yank, pull, and strap them in place pitches even the most resolute swimmers, choking and red-faced, to their knees. The effort does get the blood flowing and is an alternative to five-minute warm-ups on the Stairmaster.

Then comes the vernal spectacle of the pre-swim dance, a terpsichorean display that rivals the trickiest moves of West Coast Swing or a running dive into a mosh pit. Each style springs from deep within the psyche, although some attribute certain movements to the pinched discomfort caused by bathing suits that over the winter have shriveled to half their size. For both veteran and novice swimmers, we offer here a brief review of some of the more popular modes:

First on the list is the jog and jump, which entails running back and forth along the water's edge until, failing to duck in time, the runner is knocked cold by the South End pier, is reduced to exhaustion and repairs directly to the sauna, or achieves a degree of body warmth that signals readiness for the water. When that critical moment arrives, the runner comes to a halt, adjusts goggles and chin strap, and leaps into the water like one of Lou's mallards coming in for a belly-bump landing.

More deliberate swimmers approach the water in pairs or small groups. This allows one of the party to point, Ahab-like, toward the opening or gesture toward one boat or another bobbing in the cove and pretend to plot a course. No one has yet been able to figure out how this is done through ear plugs and several layers of neoprene and latex, but the ritual is repeated with great regularity. The group then appears to synchronize watches. In reality, they are usually wondering how they ever got roped into a swim with these wannabe hotshots and are muttering under their



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Walk

breath something about Jaegermeister and donuts, ether and bearclaws. Finally these swimmers simply stride right into the water, foregoing further ceremony.

Not so for those who prefer getting wet little by little. This style can take up to four or five minutes and has many variations. Some of these swimmers move forward inch by inch, elbows raised, as if this part of the anatomy was particularly sensitive to cold water, until the unceasing waves have covered the critical groin area. They then duck down and submerge several times, seemingly pushed under by the hand of some minister of the deep before launching into a looping dive that would make any grebe proud. Other swimmers bounce in with little jumps, arms stretched out for balance or folded across the chest in hopeful prayer that the water will suddenly warm up by 20 degrees. Still others shift from foot to foot, vigorously swinging cocked arms as if going toe to toe with Mike Tyson. Finally, there are those who move forward with steely resignation,



Watch

until, head down, they fling themselves over the cliff of hesitation, and, arms flailing, feet churning, around the pier and head toward the flag.

Last but not least of the styles we will mention here is the big-flipper back-in, a difficult and risky maneuver on a late winter afternoon when the breakers of a low-tide are rolling in. Time well spent in the study of how Lou's mallards get around on webbed feet has no doubt aided those favoring this rather backward approach.

Whether you fancy one of these styles—we've mentioned but a few—or have one of your own, it behooves veteran and novice swimmer alike to find the one that best expresses their feelings. There are those who feel that entering the water with a style that best suits them is the first step toward mastering the mechanics of a good stroke. There are, of course, those who think this notion is a lot of hooey. The debate will no doubt be resolved, as with so many important questions, in the sauna.



Wade

Old Timers Crab Feed




February 13, 1999
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President's Report

By Meg Reilly

Diversity

Diversity Policy. At its February 1999 meeting, the Club's board of governors adopted the following policy:

RESOLVED, that the rich history of San Francisco, and of the Dolphin Club, has demonstrated that a diverse membership is highly desirable and is beneficial to the Dolphin Club and to the local community in general;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following standing policies and practices are adopted in order to foster diverse membership at the Dolphin Club:

1. It is a policy of the Dolphin Club to encourage persons of diverse race, beliefs, culture, economic and social backgrounds to visit the Dolphin Club and to become members (the "Diversity Policy").

2. To implement the Diversity Policy, the Club will foster and encourage ongoing outreach to diverse community members in the following ways:

A. Members will be solicited to actively encourage diverse people, whom members encounter in their respective work, family and social settings, to visit and join the Dolphin Club.

B. Members will be solicited to actively create a warm and open environment at the club which welcomes diverse people, and encourages their participation.

C. The Club will reach out to diverse communities by informing them of the programs available at the Dolphin Club and by encouraging visitation and membership by diverse community members.

Why a Diversity Policy? That's a good question. Webster's defines diverse as "different." The Dolphin Club is different in ways that are difficult to define. To begin with, when you look around the Club, you see the very definition of a "motley crew" doing things that some might find eccentric—swimming and rowing in San Francisco Bay; staging historic wooden boat regattas; building boats; conceiving of and competing in the Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon, the Polar Bear, and the Drino Challenge—to name a few. These "differences" are the reason so many of us are drawn to the Club today.



Two Diverse Pursuits

A primary source of the Club's uniqueness is the blend of cultures and people who shaped the Club's past and present. San Francisco was built by immigrants, and continues today to thrive as a cosmopolitan city. Likewise, the club's heritage was shaped by many who found a new home in San Francisco, bringing with them the cultures and practices of many lands.

Imagine the Club 100 years from now. Who are the people who will volunteer for the myriad of large and small jobs necessary to run the Club and its programs? They will be people who learn to be good stewards of the traditions of bay swimming and rowing, and who value the community that develops around these traditions and activities.

The Club's future will be shaped by those who join our ranks today and in the future. With history as our teacher, it is apparent that the Club can thrive in the next century if its members reflect the richly varied ethnic, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds of San Francisco and Bay Area communities.

So, that's why we have a Diversity Policy.

Practicing Diversity

Policies and practices go hand-in-hand. The Club's practices encourage and build on the differences among us. It makes sense to practice what we preach.

The following are things you can do on an individual basis to help the Club maintain and build diversity: Actively encourage diverse people you know to visit and join the Dolphin Club. Remember to roll out the welcome mat when you encounter new faces at the club. Help people get oriented and encourage their participation. If you have particular contacts with diverse communities, make that known to members of the Club's board. We are looking for opportunities to provide information on the programs available at the Dolphin Club and to encourage participation by the diverse community in which we exist.

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amounts to creating your own emergency and inflicting it on others. Please avoid doing that.

Your fellow club members are not trained to handle your emergencies. We have no lifeguard or other staff on duty for that purpose. If you get in trouble, and someone calls 911, be sure to thank them and the paramedics who come to your aid. Also, be prepared to pay any bill for services incurred to save your life.

A final thought. If you get in trouble and no one calls 911, you may have to do it yourself. No one is obligated to be a Good Samaritan, and there may not be one around when needed .

Guest Policy Reminder

If you bring guests to the club, you must accompany them. This is a safety and security precaution. Never, ever let guests go in the water without your supervision. Protect your guests from hypothermia by warning them of the effects of tides and cold water, and by limiting their time in the water. Make sure your guests sign a waiver and pay the $6.50 use fee. It's your job to make it a safe and enjoyable visit.

Dolphin Club Building Fund

On March 16, 1999, the Building Fund balance stood at $15,213.75, thanks to several major benefactors and a number of core donors. A total of 61 members contributed this impressive amount!

The Building Fund is a brand new concept, established toward the end of 1998. We hope that each member considers making a gift to the building fund annually. The Fund balance and use of funds will be periodically posted at the Club and published in the *Log*. The locker room upgrade, to begin this year, will likely be the first use of existing funds.

Donating to the fund is easy:

- Make your check payable to: *Friends of Recreation and Parks.*
- Mail your check to the club "Attn: Building Fund"
- You will receive an acknowledgement letter to confirm receipt of your gift.
- Your gift is deductible (check with your accountant).

It's also simple to make a gift of stock. To do that, mail (or leave) a note to Meg Reilly at the Club, or call her at 281-0421.

Your ongoing support to keep our historic clubhouse in good shape is appreciated! It's certainly something to be proud of.

Yoga at the Club

The practice of Yoga creates a healthy, vibrant, strong and flexible body, and a calmer, clearer and more confident state of well-being. The Club offers three classes a week:

Wednesday mornings
7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
8:40 - 10:00 a.m.

Friday Morning
7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Cost: Drop-in: $11 per class;
Series of 3 or more: $10 per class

The instructor is Pamela Carrara, a yoga, fitness and dance professional/practitioner, who has been teaching in the Bay Area for over 25 years. Please wear warm and loose or non-restraining clothing. Bare feet, an empty stomach and a beginner's mind are preferable and most conducive.

Rowing Training

Rowing training is available for all members of the Club. Generally held the third weekend of every month, interested members must formally sign-up ahead of time on the sheets posted near the front entrance. The following are the remaining dates for training.:

May 22 & 23
June 19 & 20
July 24 & 25
August 21 & 22
September 25 & 26
October 23 & 24
November 20 & 21
December 18 & 19

From the Editors

Expose Yourself! Advertise in the *Dolphin Log*. The purpose is twofold: to help offset the expense of the production of the magazine and to allow Club members or businesses to promote themselves to the Dolphin membership. The Log has reserved space for 24 advertisers. The ads are all the same size, roughly 2 1/2 inches by 1 inch with a limit of 125 characters (including blank spaces). Ads are $25 each. One per advertiser. Have a logo or photo you'd like to include? No problem! $10 extra. Additional restrictions apply.

Tell neighborhood businesses about it. We need their help. To submit an ad, please email us at *sheridansf@aol.com* or speak with us directly. The staff of the *Dolphin Log* work on a volunteer, pro bono basis only. All revenues underwrite publishing and postage costs only.

The deadline for submissions for the Summer issue of the *Dolphin Log* is June 15, 1999. Feel free to contribute stories, ideas, photos, drawings, sketches, cartoons or archives that you think would be of interest to Dolphins. Leave your material in our box in the Staib Room, mail it to the Dolphin Club care of the editors, email it to *sheridansf@aol.com* or *janchris@pacbell.net* or approach us in person.

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Swimmin' Holes

By George Robin & Pamela Amoss

Lake Baikal: The Biggest Swimming Hole

In this edition, we feature a snapshot of an unforgettable year of Mother Earth's cold embraces through the life of fellow Dolphin Pamela Amoss.

It was the year she swam the Golden Gate, as a promise to her father, Rudy, a swimmer who tried unsuccessfully to swim across the Golden Gate with a buddy at age 16. She promised him when he was dying she would "do it for us both."

True to her word, she commuted from Leavenworth, Washington to join, qualify and eventually complete the 1993 Golden Gate Swim. The distance she would travel and the swimming experiences she would gather before that day would be the envy of any inspired Dolphin swimmer:



Russia's sacred sea

Lake Baikal:
The Biggest Swimming Hole
by Pamela Amoss

A kind friend provided an introduction to Suzy Royce—"she belongs to some kind of club that swims The Gate," he told me. I called Suzy, learned how to join the Dolphins, and started to do my qualifying swims for The Gate.

Meanwhile I trained in the well-named "Icicle Creek" that runs by my home in Leavenworth.

I had already planned a trip to Siberia in August. I would get home just in time to make the Golden Gate swim. Flying west from Anchorage, I would sample the beauty and wildness of this Russian frontier, meet the newly accessible Russian people, perhaps even some of the aboriginal folk and see the fresh water seals. Baikal is the largest volume lake on Earth. Contemplating this National-Geographic-perfect trip, I worried about how I would keep my training up. I looked at the map. It was obvious: swim Lake Baikal!

To reach the lake, we took the Baikal Amur Mainline, affectionately called the BAM, a train which runs parallel to the Trans-Siberian railroad but passes at the north end of Lake Baikal. We left the train at Severobaikalsk and came down to Baikalskoy, a charming fishing and sealing village, where we boarded a launch to take us to Kotelnikofsky Point, a little resort built at a hot springs near the northwest shores of the Lake. The few settlements are tucked into shallow valleys along tributary streams. There, as night was coming, I surveyed the uninviting, wind-roiled expanse of the lake, wondering that when dawn came, if would I be able to force my fat capitalist body into its icy socialist embrace?

I should have known better. Baikal is Mother Russia's "Sacred Sea"—celebrated by poets and mystics, loved and revered by generations of Russians.

She was disposed to be generous and welcoming to a pilgrim like me. When morning came, my dear friend and I deserted our sleeping spouses and marched resolutely to the beach, which was composed entirely of smooth boulders the size of baseballs—very hard walking in bare feet. We clenched our teeth, repeated our mantras of resolution and rolled and staggered over the rocks until the water was deep enough to get in. Amazing! The water was warmer than San Francisco Bay in July, or the Icicle in August. It was perfect. The lake was very calm, although strong winds would rise later and whip the surface into a respectable surf. Baikal is famous for its fierce windstorms. The much-advertised clarity of the water had not been exaggerated. It was like swimming in crystal.

Our Russian host-guides preferred the swimming pool filled from the local hot springs, which I suspect may have a local warming effect on the Lake. Whatever the mitigating circumstances, Baikal's anticipated cold embrace turned out to be, in fact, very friendly. I took that blessing back to San Francisco with me when I finally did swim the Golden Gate, three days after my return from Siberia.

Swim Commissioner's Report

By Pete Bianucci and Tony DuComb

Dolphins Undaunted By Cold

In the Northern Hemisphere, December 21st is the first day of Winter and the shortest day of the year. For many Dolphin Club swimmers, however, Winter solstice is the first day of the Polar Bear swim, the challenge to stroke 40 miles in the bay between December 21st and March 21st, the first day of Spring. December 21, 1998 arrived with a shock—a water temperature below 50 degrees. The cold continued through the winter, reaching barely 52 degrees on March 21st. On that morning, Larry Scroggins strolled out of the bay, marked down his 140th mile, and claimed the 1998-1999 Polar Bear Swim title for the coldest winter swim in Dolphin Club history.

Boathouse Captain Dave Zovickian recorded over two months of water temperatures 50 degrees or lower, marking the lowest temperature at 47 degrees. Other Dolphins claim to have seen 46 and even 45 degrees on their watch thermometers. Still others had impressionistic observations of the water like "way cold," "butt cold," or descriptions unintelligible or simply not fit for print. Commodore Lou Marcelli returned from a balmy Cape Cod to find ice in the footbath. While the ever-understated Lee Hammack simply described the water as "wet," Vice-President Vince Huang put it like this: "Of all the 21 consecutive years that I swam the Polar Bear, this is the coldest one." Vince also said that Trinket Czarina Tina Scott should consider ordering inscriptions on the 1998-1999 Polar Bear Awards that acknowledge the record frigid conditions.

Notwithstanding the cold, Larry religiously made his daily morning visit to the Club and logged his miles. He reached 40 miles on the 21st of January, and 80 miles in mid-February. Larry then accelerated his pace, double and even triple dipping as the finish approached. Joining Larry was Walt Schneebeli, first in the Old Goat Division, established for swimmers over 70 who complete 20 miles during the Winter. Walt swam a quarter or half a mile a day almost every day to finish with almost 21 miles.

Some Polar Bear swimmers came in the morning darkness or arrived at mid-day. Still others waded into the frigid water in the evening. Some came regularly over the three months; others joined the hunt as late as February. Some lost days or weeks to illness, business travel, or trips to Europe and Africa, but ultimately returned to mark off their squares. All 70 Dolphins who finished earned the Club's respect for their resolve in the face of hypothermia, and will proudly claim their marble slabs come November's Swimmer and Pilot Appreciation Dinner.

Another unique event ran concurrent with the Polar Bear Swim—the "Drino Challenge." Recognizing that Dolphins are always eager to share free food and wine, Peter Drino motivated swimmers with mileage prizes of 50 (bottle of wine), 60 (chicken dinner), 70 (salmon dinner), 80 (steak dinner) and 90 (lobster dinner). Rules for Drino miles required participants to swim different courses each time—there were 90 in all, ranging from one-half to one-and-one half miles. The routes always seemed to run against the prevailing current, and often required a swimmer to maneuver around newly-named buoys such as the "Ice Berg," "Kebbe" and "Moon." Drino swimmers were faced with the dual challenges of unusually cold conditions and the need to memorize complicated swim courses. Heidi Schriefer solved the latter problem by writing her courses on her hand.

On March 20th, 13 Drino swimmers with 60 or more miles enjoyed their wine and dinners. Heather Royer was awarded a Habana cigar for swimming the most Drino miles.

There were other events during the winter months. Becky Fenson finished first on the South End New Year's Day swim, with a time of 29:45. Todd Walsh (Long Course) and John Mervin (Short Course) prevailed in the cove swim on the first day of 1999. On an overcast and windy January 31st, Scott Haskins won the Winter Gas House Swim in a brisk 16:44. The Z-Man Cove Swim fell on Valentine's Day this year, and Becky Fenson (Long Course) and Dan McGill (Short Course) won their races, not to mention the hearts of all assembled. Finally, John Selmer (Long Course), Ann Sasaki (Medium Course), and Dan Osborne (Short Course) prevailed in the Spring Cove Swim on March 21st.

As we move into Spring, the swim program shifts into high gear. Approximately two dozen events are scheduled for the remainder of the year, from the Yacht Harbor Swim on April 17th to a Cove barbecue on June 18th to The Escape From Alcatraz on October 17th. One common need for all events is to have plenty of volunteer helpers and pilots. Debby Rose will handle the swim fees collection, and Joe Illick has agreed to work the sign-in table on occasion. They could both use assistance. The all-important kitchen duties are being led by Sue Garfield until summer, when Bonnie Winn takes over. Neither of them can perform this task alone. If everyone who enjoys the swim program volunteers a few times, the rest of the season promises to be as successful as the last 3 months.

Dolphin Swim Statistics

January 31, 1999 — March 21, 1999

Mid-Winter Gas House Cove
January 31, 1999

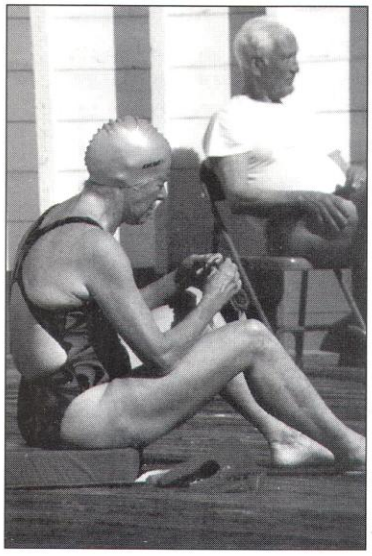
Jump off: 8:15 a.m. water temp: 51F, current: strong, choppy ebb; overall conditions: overcast, cold, windy.



The Spice Swimmers

1. Scott Haskins 16:44
2. Tom Keller 18:05
3. Laura Burtch 18:46
4. John Pelka 19:02
5. George Kebbe 19:03
6. Micky Lavelle 19:33
7. Larry Scroggins 19:56
8. Phil Rollins 20:26
9. Conrad v. Blankenburg . 20:56
10. Greg Hicks 21:14
11. John Mervin 21:53
12. Pete Neubauer 22:03
13. Joe Illick 22:05
14. Eric Burke 22:08
15. Jackie Merovich 23:29
16. Kate Coleman 23:36
17. Pam Stillwagon 23:45
18. Neal Powers 23:52
19. Mark Mullen 24:11
20. George Robin 24:15
21. Susan Cobb 24:39
22. Sue Garfield 24:53
23. Tom Kernan 25:02
24. Rey Hassan 25:13
25. Jerry Cullen 25:15
26. Ken Coren 25:47
27. Grant Springer* 26:06
28. Ed DeCossio 31:35
29. Will Powning 31:40
30. John Theede 34:20
31. Steve North 35:31
32. Don Reid 37:31

* First out of Cove



Dolphin Varsity Team Members

Pilots: Susan Allen, Ray Artigues, Eduardo Barranco, Louise Bea, Rich Cooper, K. Michael Flynn, Keith Foxe, Roger Hansen, Don Harrison, Reuben Hechanova, Hal Irish, Margaret Keenan, Phil Kohlenberg, John Kortum, Tom Kuglen, Dan Osborne, Theresa Quano, Ben Owen, Emily Roth, David Zovickian.

Helpers: Lindsay Casablanca, Kate Coleman, Anthony DuComb, Sue Garfield, Gail Grynbaum, Joe Illick, George Kebbe, Jackie Merovich, Dan Osborne, John Pelka, Neal Powers, Phil Rollins, Heather Royer, Heidi Schriefer, and Conrad von Blankenburg.

Z-Man Cove
February 14, 1999

Jump off: 9:05 a.m.; water temp: 49 F; overall conditions: gray and flat.

Long Course

(Full Mile Z And Drino #58)

1. Becky Fenson 18:18
2. Heather Royer 20:07
3. Tom Keller 20:40
4. Heidi Schriefer 21:21
5. Laura Burtch 21:54
6. Duke Dahlin 22:38
7. Mickey Lavelle 22:44
8. Eric vonBlankenburg 24:11
9. Larry Scroggins 24:24
10. Greg Hicks 25:12
11. Dave Zovickian 26:01
12. Peter Urrea 26:27
13. Joe Illick 27:06
14. Sunny McKee 27:47
15. Krist Jake 28:34
16. Sue Garfield 31:24
17. Will Powning 41:24

Short Couse

1. Dan Osborne 14:32
2. Era Osibe 20:40
3. Debby Rose 21:55
4. Mimi Osborne 24:33

Pilots: Susan Allen, Ray Artigues, Don Harrison, Nellie Solomon, and Conrad von Blankenburg.

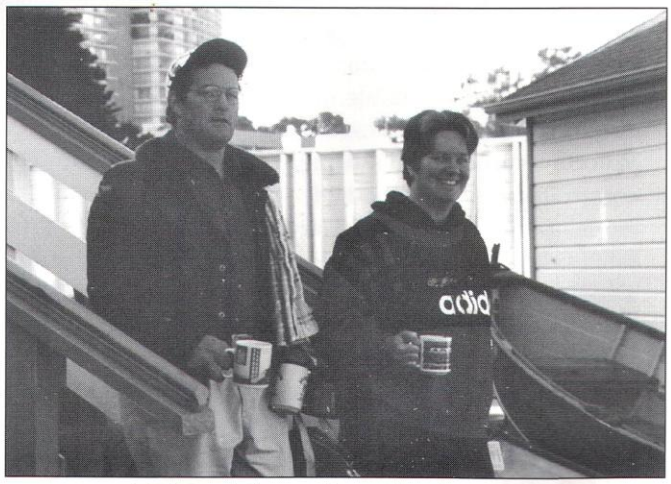
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Spring Cove
March 21, 1999

Water temp: 52 F; overall conditions: slightly overcast with mixed currents.

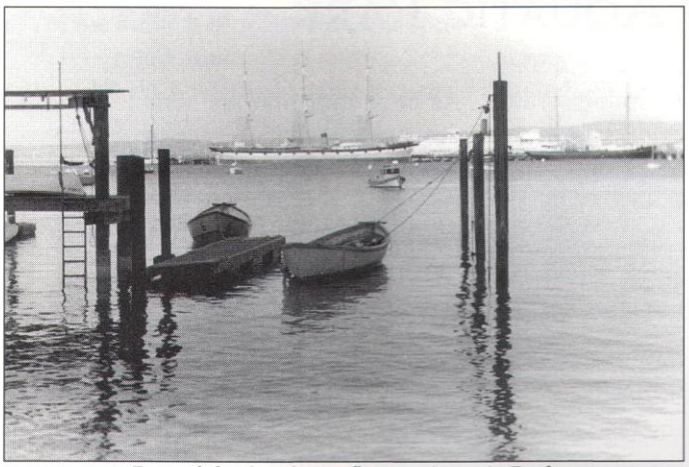
Long Course

1. John Selmer 21:04
2. Todd Walsh 21:05
3. Tom Keller 21:39
4. Laura Burtch 23:46
5. Micky Lavelle 25:10
6. Phillip Scarborough .. 25:32
7. Greg Hicks 28:18
8. Peter Neubauer 28:35
9. Lorna Newlin 28:57
10. Joe Illick 29:03



Micky and Suzy enjoy coffee after a swim

11. Dave Zovickian 29:30
12. Peter McLaughlin 29:56
13. Neal Powers 31:32
14. George Robin 32:03
15. Lee Hammack 32:53



Part of the Sea Scout fleet at Aquatic Park

16. Susan Cobb 33:46
17. Anthony DuComb 34:01



A Tribute to Baggiani

18. Sue Garfield 35:11
19. Larry Wisch 38:52
20. Tom Kernan 40:13
21. Debby Rose 43:29
22. Chuck Vogt 44:22

Medium Course

1. Ann Sasaki 24:13

Short Course

1. Dan Osborne 13:11
2. David Donahue 13:43
3. Joe Ferrero 14:32
4. John Myers 14:37
5. Margaret Keenan 14:50
6. Candace Kelly 14:54
7. Ed deCossiso 19:30
8. Pete Bianucci 19:46
9. Don Reid 27:17
10. Patrick Brent 28:39

Pilots: Susan Allen, Ray Artigues, Ken Coren, Jim Fagan, Keith Foxe, Colin Gift, Susan Lauritzen, Phil Rollins, Emily Roth, Eric Shackelford, and Conrad von Blankenburg.

Helpers: Pete Bianucci, Patrick Brent, Laura Burtch, Paul Cummings, Anthony DuComb, Becky Fenson, Sue Garfield, Ray Hassan, Greg Hicks, Joe Illick, Mickey Lavelle, Sandy Lehmkuhl, Laura Merkl, Trish Miller, Lorna Newlin, Dan Osborne, Mimi Osborne, Phil Rollins, Debby Rose, Heather Royer, Pam Stillwagon , Nick Strelchuk, Megan Sullivan, and Larry Wisch

Polar Bear Swim
December 21, 1998 - March 21, 1999

(The coldest winter water in history)

40 Miles Division

Larry Scroggins 140
Heather Royer 133.5
Peter Drino 90.75
Rich Livingston 90
Laura Burtch 81.75
George Kebbe 80.5
Joe Illick 75.5
Laura Merkl 75
John Pelka 75
Scott Haskins* 71.5
Heidi Schriefer 71
Anthony DuComb 70
Becky Fenson 67.25
Tom Keller 63.25
John Theede 60 25
Dave Zovickian 57.5
Neal Powers 57
Mag Donaldson 54.75
Peter McLaughlin 54.75
Mark Mullen 55
John Selmer 53
Rey Hassan 51.25
Peter Conidi* 50.5
Sue Garfield 50.5
Mickey Lavelle 50
Liz Ann Schiff 49.5
John Myers 43.5
Tom Kernan 43
Pavla Podolska 42.5
Carter Seddon 42.5
Steve Worthington 42.5
Mark McKee 42
Sunny McKee 42
Rebecca Tilley 42
Lee Hammack 41.75
Krist Jake 41.75
Ann Sasaki 41.75
Tom Hofman 41.5
George Robin 41.5
Paul Brady 41.25
Joanne Carr 41.25
Jackie Merovich 41.25
Phil Rollins 41.25
Eric von Blankenburg 41.25
Ed deCossio 41
Grant Springer 41
Conrad von Blankenburg 41
John Mervin 40.75
Michael Lord 40.5
Jon Nakamura 40.5
Lorna Newlin 40.5
Mark O'Hara 40.5
Gregg Simon 40.5
Pam Stillwagon 40.5
Lindsay Casablanca 40.25
Susan Cobb 40.25
Mimi Osborne 40.25
Alan Budenz 40
Jerry Cullen 40
Suzie Dods (All miles with kick board)40
John Dugan 40
Steve North 40



Sacto Row foursome bask in their success

Phil Kohlenberg 46.75
Pete Neubauer 46
Joe Abbott 45
Boris Rozenberg 45
Vince Huang 44
Vic Pizarro 40
Don Reid 40

* *Virgin Bear*

Old Goat Division

Walt Schneebeli 20.75

Feature

By Bill Pickelhaupt

The Modern History of Aquatic Park - Part I

Editor's Note: This is the first of a four-part series on the history of Aquatic Park.



State authorized Belt Line Railroad trestle cast a shadow over the Clubs' docks

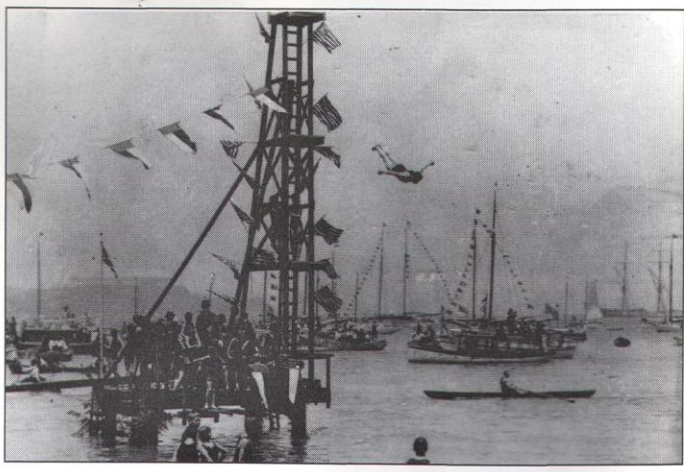
Whether we Dolphins swim or row, use the gym, play handball or simply hang around the club, we are all struck by the beauty of our surroundings. Integral to that beauty is Aquatic Park. How many of us know that swimming has gone on in this area for over 130 years, and that members of the Dolphin, South End and the now-defunct Ariel Club saved the predecessor of Aquatic Park, then known as Black Point Cove, when the cove's very existence was threatened in the early part of this century? The first of this four-part series will look at the struggle between active recreation and development that has been played out over the last 130 years.

Black Point Cove was isolated from the rest of San Francisco in the 1850s. This isolation attracted the construction of the Pioneer Woolen Mills at the west end of the cove in 1858. The mill had as its neighbor the pumping station of the Spring Valley Water Company, busily providing fresh water to the rapidly growing city. But a strange breed was also drawn to the area — men and women came to Black Point Cove to swim and play in the waters of the bay. Small bathing establishments quickly appeared to supply swim suits and towels at a modest price to the hardy souls who chose to swim in the chilly waters.

Perhaps most of the swimmers worked at the Pioneer Woolen Mills, perhaps not; a newspaper story in 1869 reported the drowning of a swimmer who frequented "Charley's" swim house, and noted that swimming had been popular in the area for several years. The most famous victim of the bay was William C. Ralston, a banking and industrial tycoon from the mid-1860s to the mid-1870s in San Francisco. The day he was forced out as chairman of the Bank of California in August 1875 after there was a run on the bank, he came down to the Neptune Baths, next to the Pioneer Woolen Mill, for his daily swim. As he set out from the foot of Hyde Street he faltered; near the current position of the stern of the *Thayer*, Ralston drowned. San Francisco was stunned, but the swim houses continued their business.

The Pioneer Woolen Mill closed in the 1880s, and the little swim houses fell into disrepair. A portion of the Pioneer Woolen Mill built in 1863 survives to this day as the Woolen Building in Ghiradelli Square.

In 1895 the Dolphin Club built a new boathouse for itself at the foot of Van Ness Street. The club moved from an area east of Black Point Cove, and found the lee side of Black Point a congenial spot from which to row and swim. We still use this same building today. After the earthquake and fire of 1906, thousands of tons of debris were dumped just east of the boathouse, moving the shore line north from Beach Street to Jefferson Street.



Aquatic Park Day, circa 1910

In late 1908, the South End Rowing Club was evicted from the foot of 16th Street, near the present day Mission Rock Restaurant, by the precursor of

the Port of San Francisco. They loaded their new boathouse on a barge and floated it to a location just west of the Dolphin Club. The Ariel Club joined the other two clubs. The juxtaposition of the three clubs made for some spirited competition.

World-renowned architect Daniel Burnham put forward the idea of an aquatic park for the people of San Francisco in his larger plan for the beautification of San Francisco in 1904. The earthquake and fire of 1906 prevented most of Burnham's plan from being realized. But the dream of an aquatic park was kept alive by some visionaries who put active recreation before development. In early 1909 the three clubs formed the backbone of the Aquatic Improvement Association. Its purpose was to take up Burnham's idea and secure an aquatic park at the foot of Van Ness Avenue in Black Point Cove. The two blocks east of the Dolphin Club were proposed as the site for that water park. Dolphin Club member Charles M. Farrell was chosen chairman by member delegates from various sports and civic organizations. Ed Scully was the South End representative.

The plan was to have the two blocks condemned, then purchased for the city by the Board of Supervisors and finally to put a bond proposal before the electorate to finance the necessary improvements. These improvements were to include a green, a public boat-mooring area, baths, a grandstand, and a band pavilion. In February 1909, the Aquatic Improvement Association gave a tour of the proposed park to eight members of the Board of Supervisors. The supervisors declared the site a good one and endorsed the idea.

A month earlier, however, the United States Congress had granted the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way under Fort Mason. The granting of that right-of-way meant the Southern Pacific could bore a tunnel under the Fort and run a railroad track to that tunnel.

San Francisco newspapers urged support of a ballot proposal the supervisors had voted to place on the June 1909 ballot. Two days before the election, the rowing clubs held a public open house featuring boat races, swimming exhibitions and other entertainment. On election day the Aquatic Park proposal received a solid 62.3 % yes vote, but it was just short of the necessary two-thirds majority. The clubs resolved not to give up their fight and work for broader support.



Left to right: Ariel, Dolphin, and South End Clubs, Black Point Cove, Circa 1918

The Board of Supervisors placed the Aquatic Park proposal on the November 1912 ballot. But the Panama Pacific International Exposition Company also contended for use of Black Point Cove for development. The group wanted a railroad to run directly along the waterfront to the PPIE grounds west of Fort Mason. Congress rescinded the Southern Pacific's authority for the right-of-way and granted it to the PPIE promotional group. The Army authorities liked the idea of a tunnel because it would lower the cost of transporting materials to and from Fort Mason, and eliminate hiring costly teams of horses and men to access the government transport dock near the Fire Department's pumping station. The 1912 vote was similar to that of 1909: with a two-thirds majority necessary, again the Aquatic Park bond proposal fell just a few hundred votes short.

By 1913 the trestle of the railroad extension, known as the Belt Line Railroad extension, filled much of Black Point Cove. The Southern Pacific, which owned the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, wanted to build two or three piers to serve their trans-Pacific steamers. Dumping of landfill on the west shore of the cove near the three rowing clubs already threatened the clubs' access to the waters of the cove, a threat that would worsen if the filling continued. A.P. Giannini of the Bank of Italy also made a strong plea for Aquatic Park in February 1914. A showdown was imminent.

The State Board of Harbor Commissioners, who controlled the Belt Line Extension, applied to the Board of Supervisors for a permit to fill in three blocks, "which, if approved, would have cut off the rowing club boathouses from the water, spoiled the beach, and precluded use of the cove as an aquatic park." This was not an idle threat: the Triton Club, another swimming and boating club founded by disgruntled Dolphins, had been forced out of existence by filling in front of their boathouse around 1903, cutting off their access to water. Supervisor McLaren presented a resolution that was adopted by the supervisors "calling for the preservation of Black Point Cove as the site of the proposed Aquatic Park.'" The Harbor Commissioners' permit was denied. The clubs would survive for another day, but Aquatic Park still waited to be built.

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Feature

By Nancy Friedman and Lou Marcelli

Dining à la Dolphin

If you're in the habit of visiting the Dolphin Club galley at noontime, chances are you've run into Commodore Lou Marcelli whipping up a batch of his flavorful signature dish. Dolphin Peggy Knickerbocker featured Lou and his recipe in her article, "The 'Old Stoves' of North Beach," in the premiere issue of *Saveur* magazine, September/October 1994. Before Lou takes Martha Stewart's mantle, he was good enough to share his recipe with us at the *Log:*

Lou Marcelli's Calamari on Pasta
Serves 4-6

1-1/2 lb. squid, cleaned
2 T olive oil
2 T butter
2 cloves garlic, chopped
1 28 oz. can tomato sauce
1 C white wine
1/2 C chopped parsley
salt to taste
1 lb. linguini or spaghetti
freshly ground black pepper

1. Cut squid bodies into 1/2" "rings." If the tentacles are large, cut them in half vertically. Set aside.

2. Heat olive oil and butter together in a large sauté pan. Add garlic and cook over medium-high heat for about 5 minutes. Add tomato sauce, 1/4 C water, and white wine. Cook sauce over high heat for 5 minutes, until it reduces and thickens.

3. Add all but 1 T of the parsley to the tomato sauce, lower heat, and simmer, uncovered, for about 15 minutes.

4. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil, then add linguini or spaghetti and cook until tender (time will vary according to freshness of pasta, but it should take at least 7 minutes). Drain well, shaking colander gently to remove excess moisture.

5. Add calamari to tomato sauce, then remove pan from heat and allow to stand, covered, for 2 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add the drained pasta and toss well. To serve, garnish with remaining parsley.

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The Game of Go

Dolphin member Hal Womack is looking for Dolphin members to play the game of "Go." He'd be happy to give free introductions to Go, the two handed board game of oriental origin which is the most ancient, elegant, and powerful strategic exercise in the world. It is played on a matrix of 19 x 19 lines, using black and white stones in a struggle to convert initially empty space into personally occupied territory. Victory is decided by point count. Hal also wants to challenge all eligible comers to arm-wrestle for the championship and other rankings in a yet-to-be created Senior Heavyweight division of the Club. As a point of honor befitting our gray hair, he suggests that we pledge ourselves to take care to settle all contests without causing serious injury. May the strongest old arm win! Anyone interested in pursuing either of these two notions is welcome to contact Hal at 415-788-5701 or email him at womack@coffeenet.net.

Correction

On page 2 of the Winter 1999 Log, Lou Marcelli makes a personal appeal to the membership to support the Dolphin Club Fund. The appeal was supposed to read "I wouldn't put my name on something I didn't believe in." The Log editors regret the error. We also incorrectly identified in a photo caption Jeff Heth's daughter. Her actual name is Shannon.

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1999 Swim Schedule

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Date	Event	Jump-Off
December 21, 1998 - *Monday*	*Polar Bear Swim Begins*	
January 1 - *Thursday*	New Year's Day Alcatraz and Cove	09:00
January 31 - *Saturday*	☸ Mid-Winter Gas House Cove	08:14
February 14 - *Sunday*	Z - Man Mid-Winter Cove	09:00
March 21 - *Sunday*	☸ Spring Cove *Polar (Bear Swim Ends)*	09:00
April 17 - *Saturday*	☸ Yacht Harbor	10:00
April 23 - *Friday*	☸ South End Twilight Cove, Dinner, and Dance!	18:00
May 8 - *Saturday*	☸ Pier 43 1/2	09:15
May 23 - *Sunday*	☸ **Dick Beeler** Crazy Cove	09:00
June 1 - *Tuesday*	*100 Mile Swim Begins*	
June 12 - *Saturday*	☸ Crissy Field	07:45
June 18 - *Friday*	☸ Twilight Cove - Pot Luck and BBQ	18:30
July 4 - *Sunday*	☸ Pier 39	07:30
July 11 - *Sunday*	☸ Fort Point	07:30
July 17 - *Saturday*	☸ Trans Tahoe Relay	TBA
July 23 - *Friday*	☸ Gas House Cove Twilight—Pot Luck and BBQ	18:30
July 31 - *Saturday*	☸ Santa Cruz Pier Swim	11:00
August 13 - *Friday*	☸ Twilight Pier 43 1/2	18:30
August 28 - *Saturday*	☸ **Doc Howard** - Over 45 - Gas House Cove	10:00
September 12 - *Sunday*	☸ Over Sixty Cove - *Swim fees not necessary*	10:00
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September 18 - *Saturday*	**Joe Bruno** Golden Gate II - Fast Day	08:00
September 19 - *Sunday*	**Joe Bruno** Golden Gate I - Slow Day	08:45
October 3 - *Sunday*	Alcatraz	08:30
October 10 - *Saturday*	Dolphin/South End Triathlon	08:30
October 17 - *Sunday*	Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon	07:40
October 24 - *Sunday.*	Handicap Cove	09:00
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November 25 - *Thursday*	Thanksgiving Day Cove	09:00
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• Swim Program Rules •

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8. Time limits are imposed and enforced for all swims.
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• Additional qualifications for Alcatraz and Golden Gate Swims •

10. In-town members must successfully complete 2 swims marked with a wheel (☸) and one other scheduled swim and pilot or help on at least 2 others.
11. Out-of-town members (those residing 100+ miles from the club) must have successfully completed 2 of the last 3 club scheduled Alcatraz and/or Golden Gate swims or meet rule 10 above.
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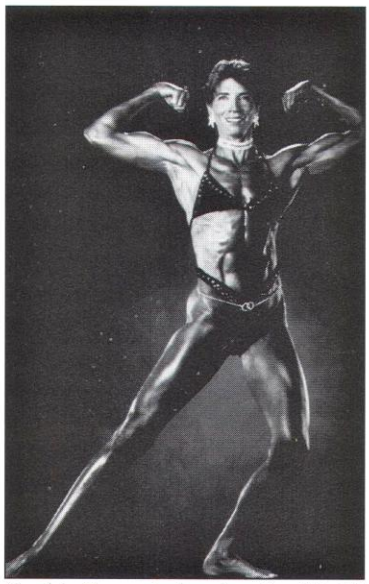
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Sophie Taggart showing the World

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Rowing training is available for all members of the Club. Generally held the third weekend of every month, interested members must formally sign-up ahead of time on the sheets posted near the front entrance. The following are the remaining dates for training:

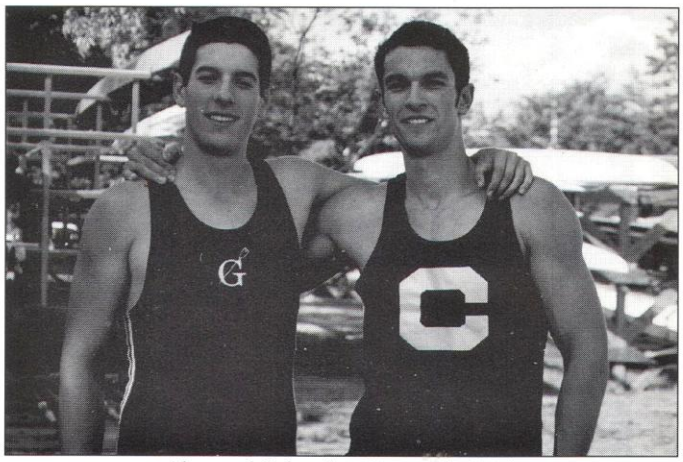
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JOHN WIELAND — *A Six-oared Barge.* Built by Al Rogers of Alameda and received by the club in June of 1887, the *JOHN WIELAND* has been the queen of the Dolphin fleet since its arrival.

John Wieland, who is credited with the founding of the Dolphin Club, came to Philadelphia in 1849 as an immigrant from Germany. Early in 1851 he caught "gold fever" and made the journey to California, where he mined in the region of the south fork of the Yuba River.

Having been successful in his search for gold, he moved to San Francisco and went into the baking business. Wieland later bought into the prospering Philadelphia Brewery and finally became its sole proprietor. It was the largest and most successful such business on the Pacific Coast during that time.

John Wieland was burned to death in his home in January of 1885 at age 55. The barge, *JOHN WIELAND*, was given to the Dolphin Club by the Wieland family.





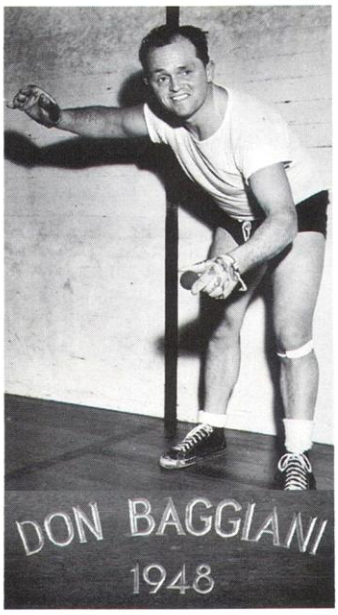
VIKING — *A Double, built in 1915.* The Dolphin Club's master boatbuilder, Jon Beilinski, submitted an article for *Wooden Boat Magazine* in 1981 that said: "In 1915 two of the carpenters who worked in the Car Barn on Washington Street decided to build a two-man rowing boat in their spare time. She was named the *VIKING*, and spent the first twenty years of her life in northern coastal California on the Russian River. After one of the builders, who was also her owner, died, the survivor donated the boat to the Dolphin Club."

CHARLES FARRELL — *A Double, built in 1917.* Charles "Pop" Farrell was born in San Francisco in June of 1868. He joined the Dolphin Club in May of 1891. For most of his membership period Pop was involved in the struggle to secure Black Point Cove, now known as Aquatic Park, as a public recreation area. (See "History of Aquatic Park, Part I", Spring 1999 issue and Part II, page 16 of this issue.) This dream was realized shortly before Pop's death in February of 1933 at the age of 64.





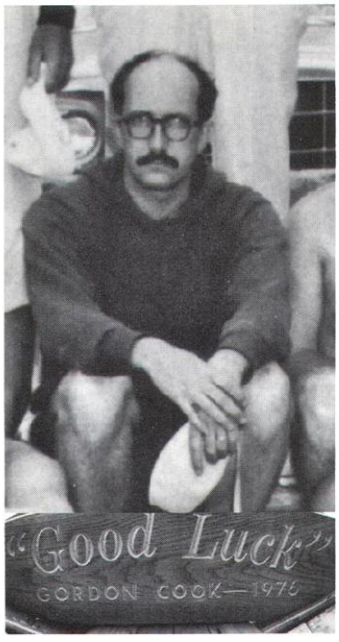
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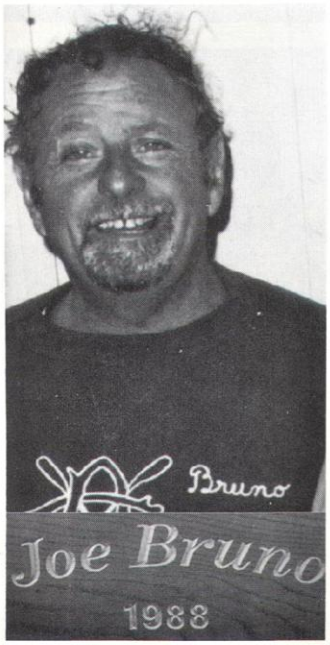
LAWTON HUGHES — *A Double, built in 1938.* Lawton Hughes was born in San Francisco in December of 1899 and joined the Dolphin Club in March 1919. Like Jim Cronin, Lawton was totally committed to the Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club, holding many club offices: President in 1938 and 1966, Rowing and Swimming Commissioner for many years, and Treasurer for over two decades. He was sculling champion of the Pacific Coast in his class in the 1920's and 1930's and swam the Club Golden Gate Swim fourteen times. An aquatic legend, Lawton Hughes died in August of 1982 at the age of 82.



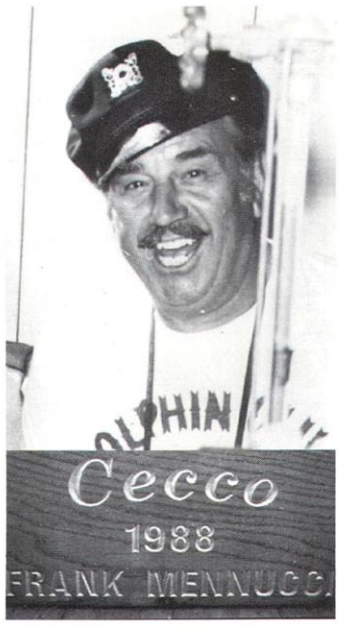
SYD FOSTER — *A Single, built in 1948.* Sydney Foster was born in San Francisco in July 1892, and joined the Dolphin Club in March of 1913. Sid participated in many Club Golden Gate Swims, winning the swim in 1921, 1922, and 1924. Sid was one of the first to swim from the Club, around Alcatraz, and back. A sixty-year member of the Club, Syd died in June, 1973, at the age of 80. This is the only boat in the fleet that has a mispelled stern piece. Syd's ashes were scattered at the Golden Gate.



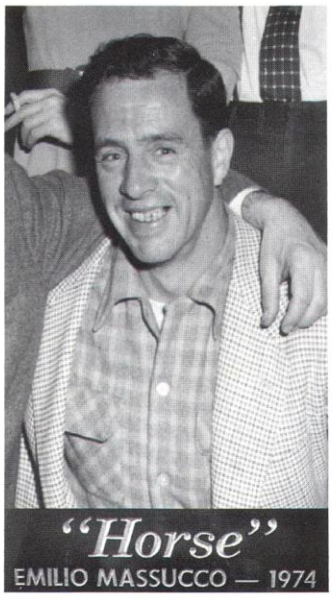
DON BAGGIANI — *A single, built by Bill Richards in 1948 in the Dolphin Club boathouse.* Don Baggiani, who joined the Dolphin Club in March of 1935, was a successful commission merchant at the S.F. Produce Market for forty-five years. A member of the Dolphin Club for sixty-three years, Don was an enthusiastic swimmer and handball player. He swam the Golden Gate several times and served as both Swimming and Handball Commissioner. The Spring 1999 *Dolphin Log* issue featured, as a tribute, a photo of Don's boat containing many of his athletic trophies. Don died in January of 1999 at the age of 91.



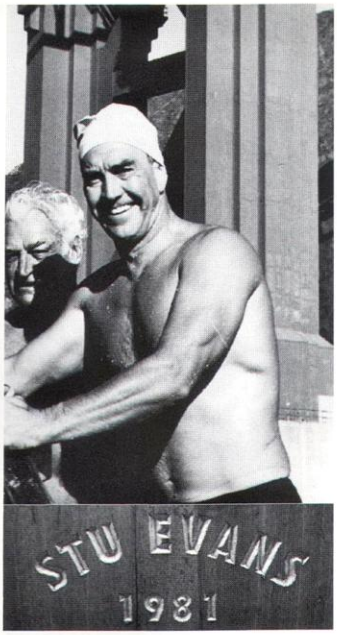
DINO LANDUCCI — *A single, built by Bill Richards in 1948 in the Dolphin Club boathouse.* Dino joined the Dolphin Club in February 1935 and was one of the few hardy souls who held the Dolphin Club together during the difficult WW II and postwar years of the 1940's. Rowing and handball were Dino's sports and he pursued them almost until the time of his death in February of 1995. A sixty-year member of the Dolphin Club, Dino was 88 years.



THE GOOD LUCK — *A Single, given to the Club by Gordon Cook and delivered on February 26, 1976.* Gordon Cook joined the Dolphin Club in May of 1960. Gordon specified that his name



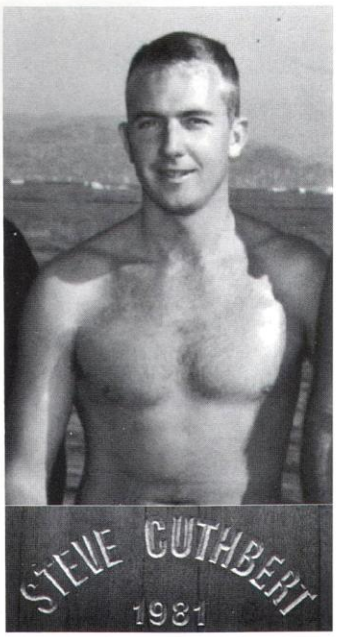
be left off of the boat's stern piece, but after his death his name was added. Gordon was a prominent Bay Area artist and teacher of art. He was a rower, swimmer, and Dolphin Club president. Gordon Cook died in August of 1985 at age 57.



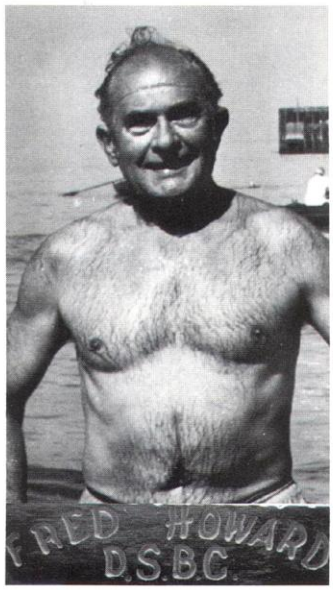
JOE BRUNO *— A Single, built in 1988 by Jon Beilinski and the boathouse crew.* Joe Bruno joined the Dolphin Club in September of 1933. Participating in many sports, but especially swimming, Joe became the all-time superathlete of the Club, completing an unbelievable sixty-one Golden Gate Swims from 1933, when the Golden Gate Bridge was still under construction, to 1993. He also swam in the old Chronicle Gate Swim and in other swims too numerous to include here. His sixty-one Gate crossings are featured in *The Guinness Book of Records*. Joe is "taking it easy" these days in his home in Burlingame and is missed by all his swimming buddies.



"CECCO" FRANK MENNUCCI *A Single, built in 1988 by Jon Beilinski and crew at the same time as the JOE BRUNO.* Frank joined the Dolphin Club in March of 1941. Frank Mennucci's services to the Club are too numerous to list here. Frank was a swimmer, handball player, oarsman, and connoisseur of food, drink, and other earthly delights. Cecco died in December of 1997 at the age of 88. The Club has still not recovered from his death and he remains the central character in many Club tales and reminiscences.



THE "HORSE" *— A Single, built in 1974.* Emilio "Horse" Massucco joined the Dolphin Club in February of 1948. Horse was born and lived most of his life in North Beach and worked as a longshoreman for many years. Horse Massucco paid for all the materials used in his namesake, which was crafted by Herman Zahler and christened on October 26, 1974. Emilio Massucco died in January of 1988 at the age of 74.



STU EVANS *— A Single, built in 1981.* Major Stewart Evans joined the Dolphin Club in August of 1966 and entered our swimming program immediately, coming in 11th out of 68 in the Gate swim of 1966. At 12:02 p.m. Monday, August 28, 1967 the then Lt. Col. Stewart Evans landed at Point Bolinas, 13 hours, 44 minutes, and 52 seconds after entering the water at the southern Farallone Island, the first and only person to swim from the Farallones to the mainland. Prior to this historic swim, Stu Evans swam the Catalina Channel (23 miles) in August of 1959. In October of 1995 I met the son of Stewart Evans, who told me that his father had died on January 9, 1977 at Fort Dix, New Jersey.



JIM SMALL *— A Single, built in 1981.* Jim Small joined the Dolphin Club in September of 1961 and won the Golden Gate Swim that same year. On October 20, 1963 while attempting a Sausalito swim with other Dolphins, he was struck by a fishing boat that severed both of his legs. Although he survived

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FEATURE

by Todd Oppenheimer

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE OF TINA OF GOOD CHEER

Written for Tina Scott's 50th birthday, January 10, 1999 and performed with guest artist, Lori Parmer:

Mr. Oppenheimer:

Oh gather ye Dolphins
For you shall hear
Of the midnight ride
Of Dame Tina of good cheer.

It begins before dawn
In the land of Sausalito
As the Golden Gate's yon transit bus
Stops for Dame Tina
In trench coat adorned, quite incognito...

Ms. Parmer:

A mere hour hence
Dame Tina has stepp'ed
From coat to swimsuit
Bound for water icy gray,
And not the least bit tepid.

But no, dear friends
Let us not hasten this tale
For Dame Tina, lovely Tina
Has many a task that will prevail...

Mr. Oppenheimer:

First she stops in Cecco's warm galley
To see what's to eat
When her swim is complete.
But wait, why not nibble a bit now —
Who will notice this dally?
Tina must also
Catch up with her friends:
A visit with Miss Cobb
A laugh with Miss Dodds
And a promise to swim
With the dashing, the talented
The aqualine Mister Todd...

Ms. Parmer:

This slimy sneak,
According to Dolphin lore,
Is not just ugly and weak.
He's a bore —
And quite shady.
Indeed, he's made a devil's pact
With our lovely fair lady.

To wit, if she and he
Shall single be
When darling Tina turneth seventy,
Down the aisle they go,
Sloshing to and fro
Into an aquatic life quite heavenly...



Mr. Oppenheimer:

But this morning, Todd returns
Quite innocently, it must be said,
To join his lady
For the swim so dutifully promis'ed.
But lo,when he arrives,
Tina is very much alive,
Bound to swim with another.

"You conniver," cries Todd,
"I am deflated, wounded
Deep within my gut.
Behold, ye Dolphins, Tina
Is nothing but a swimming slut!"

Ms. Parmer:

But Tina just laughs.
"I may be," she says, 'an aquatic two-timer,
The Queen of swimming sluts.
But look ye, Oppenheimer,
I now swim
with the Duke of Donuts."

With that, this Duke
Pulls fair Tina deep into the waves.
"You may eat my donuts later,"
Chortles the Duke,
A Mister Mike Webb.
"You can eat 'til you puke.
But now, my muffin,
We must catch the ebb..."

Mr. Oppenheimer:

Donuts done, a day of work, too —
The world heads home
But not our Dolphins, so fair and blue.
'Tis All Hallows' Eve
And there's — guess what?
More swimming up their sleeve.

Anon, Look ye:
There's Miss Parmer as Captain Hooker,
Miss Newlin as the giant Queen Bee,
And Miss Cobb as the busty, plasticine looker...

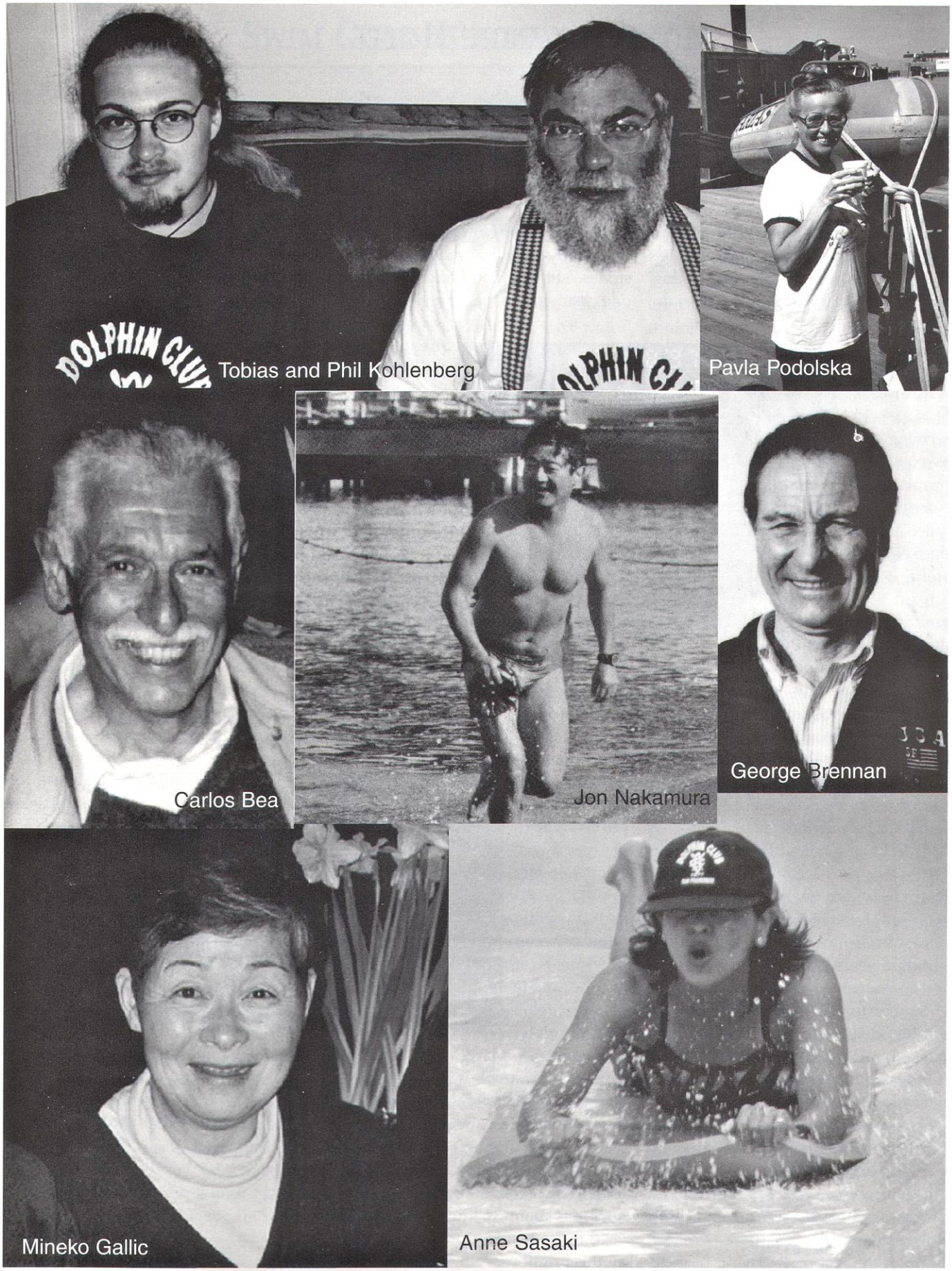
Ms. Parmer:

And poor Todd in his tutu,
The Ballerino dying to get laid,
If only she'd have him,
Our slippery, green Mermaid.

She swims and cavorts
And slinks through the deep,
Until it's time
To head home for some sleep.

With farewells and kisses,
Then more of the same
Tina strolls into the night —
Wow, what a dame!


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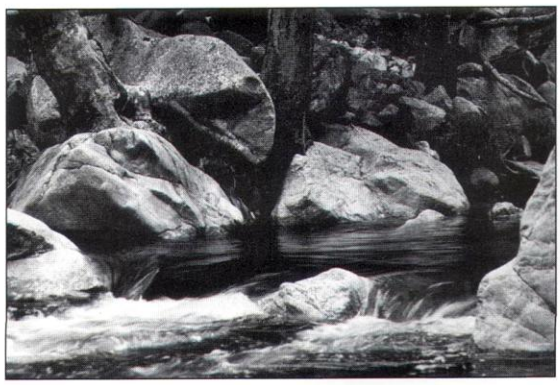

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Swimmin' Holes

by Peter van der Sterre

Tassajara Springs

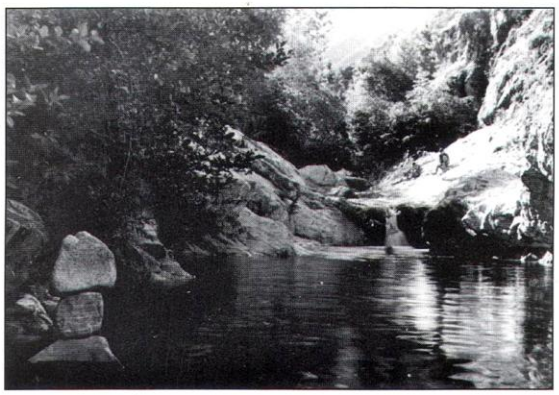
A drive and a hike through the California that was can bring you to yet another remarkable swimming hole. The gateway is Tassajara Springs, in the Los Padres wilderness. It is like arriving at a mountain paradise—a green and quiet village marked with stone and shingle buildings, sycamore trees, green gardens and gravel paths.



To find it, travel south to Salinas and follow a map through Carmel Valley Village to Jamesburg, on a road east toward Greenfield.

The 14-mile road in from Jamesburg covers some very dry and difficult terrain, with plenty of dusty bumps, scattered groves of California Oak and many miles of dry gray green scrub. It is easy to imagine the heavy leather which would have been required for the Spanish horsemen who came into this country several hundred years ago.

If you are a day guest (and all entrances to this mountain sanctuary are by advance reservation), you can pause for some ice water or tea at the samovar by the dish shack, and look over the fence at the trout and turtles who occasionally assemble in the fishbowl-clear water below. This is merely a resting place. Your real destination is "the Narrows", a rocky granite canyon on Tassajara Creek, some 3 or 4 miles downstream. To get there, you go through the rest of Tassajara, past the lower barn, until you get to the creek: the trail crosses immediately on stones, shifting back and forth from one clear side to the other. Most of the way downstream is covered by shade trees and through patches of rocks and shrubs. The path is blocked by a rock slide which occurred years ago during heavy winter rains. You amble past deeper pools and massive granite rock clusters beneath sycamore groves. At last, the sound of falling water and a short maze of narrow steps greet you around a granite outcropping above the creek.



In the bright sun, the Narrows is marked by steep white granite walls and bluegrass pools of water flowing over granite made smooth from years of water and stone. One large waterfall drops 10 feet into a pool, which is not very wide, but over 100 feet long and perhaps 18 feet deep near the falls. The water is completely clear and surrounded by perches for birds and humans. There may be several people bobbing about in the pools, getting used to the temperature or the sight of all this bright rock, high chaparral and clear water. The waterfall is a fine water slide, plenty steep, and mossy enough to slide on. If you bring along your goggles, you will see several trout, spending their days in the lower corners of the pool, waiting for something of interest to flow downstream. Kingfishers and water ouzels can be seen swooping down on or navigating the waters.

The views from underwater can be as grand as those from on top, since most of the swimmers and sunbathers have opted to remove their clothes. This may not be the sight you expected when you came to Tassajara (which is a Zen Buddhist Monastery yearround, but maintains a guest season in the summer).

Bring your kids and make a day or an overnight of it, and don't forget to go to the hot spring baths in the late afternoon. Once you have soaked in the hot tubs until all of your muscles have relaxed, you can ease into the creek again, under the shade of the sycamores, until the fish begin to nibble on your feet. Repeat until the stars come out.

Editor's Note: *There are day-use fees for Tassajara Springs. Call 431-3771 for more information or check their website at www.zendo.com/tass.html. Remember to send in your stories about the best water holes in the world.*

Swim Commissioner's Report

by Pete Bianucci and Anthony DuComb

Unseasonably Cold Weather and Water

The bone-chilling water temperatures of the winter season continued past the first day of Spring. The San Francisco *Examiner* reported on May 30th that water temperatures in the North Bay were running between 46 and 49 degrees. While regular swimmers at the Club might argue that these readings were exaggerated, there can be little dispute that the water temperature was not warming significantly as the calendar moved through April and May. Equally discouraging for those seeking warmth, chilling winds from the Pacific kept air temperatures unpleasantly colder than usual, with a record low 54 degrees occurring in San Francisco on May 29th. Still, even with the chill, wind and gray skies, hardy members could be seen regularly attempting to catch some sun on the deck.

Almost oblivious to the elements, the swim program stroked optimistically through the extended winter toward summer. On April 17th, the Yacht Harbor Swim was held in 54-degree water and rare sunny skies. Scott Haskins finished first out of a field of 27 at 26:09. The Pier 43 Swim was held three weeks later on May 8th, and 35 swimmers leapt into 51-degree water. John Lennox prevailed with a time of 18:30. On a raw May 24th, 25 swimmers looped through a complicated Crazy Cove course with John Selmer finishing first in a time of 17:52. Dan Osborne finished first in the half Crazy Cove short course with a time of 12:22.

The 100 Mile-Swim, the annual challenge to swim 100 open-water miles between June 1st and Halloween, was taken by more than 80 members by the end of the first week of June. How many will complete these arduous activities by October 31st remains to be seen. There was, however, a note of optimism on June 12th when the first decently warm water of 56 degrees arrived for the Crissy Field Swim. Construction and chain link fences moved the start out beyond the old Coast Guard Station, so 25 swimmers were rewarded with an extended 11 square treat towards their 100 mile mark. Becky Fenson prevailed with a time of 38:01.



South-End welcomes finishers to the beach

During the summer months many swimmers will be on the road. Becky will attempt to swim around Manhattan Island. She reports that she has received all of her shots and promises not to drink too much Hudson River water. Heather Royer will continue the grand Dolphin heritage in Dover when she attempts an English Channel crossing. On June 12th, over 125 members and friends showed their support for Heather and Becky by turning out for an Oyster BBQ fundraiser and cheering them on. Other members will be speeding through the water at the Tahoe Relay Swim, the Santa Cruz Pier Swim, the Donner Lake Swim, and various other events in California and elsewhere. All of these efforts are applauded.

Last season, the Swim Commissioner lifted the ban on obtaining credit for help on the same day that one swims in an event. The decision was made in the hopes of boosting the volunteer efforts at the swims. Since then, the swim program has been inundated with volunteers to clean the kitchen, pick up food, rake the beach, and perform the sundry little tasks that make the experience of the competitive swims more enjoyable for all. Not to be outdone, the pilot effort so critical to the safety of the swimmers has been as strong as ever. For most out-of-cove events, the coverage has been one pilot to two swimmers. All of these efforts are appreciated.

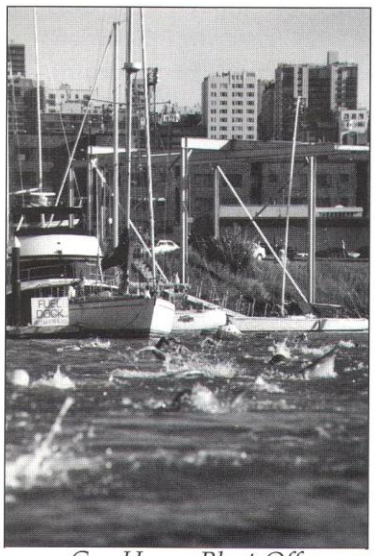
This is also the Dolphin Club's year to host the Dolphin/South End Biathlon, set for October 10th. Some may recall that the Club has been singularly unsuccessful in this event over the past few years. In October of 1998, however, we came within a few points of victory over the red and white. Although victorious in the rowing event, and Continued on page 18

Dolphin Swim Statistics

April 17, 1999 - June 18, 1999

Yacht Harbor
April 17, 1999

Water temp.: 54F; current: six-foot flood. Overall conditions: sunny and warm, with wisps of fog.



Gas House Blast Off

1. Scott Haskins 26:09
2. Laura Merkl 28:26
3. Si Bunting 29:24
4. Paul Wolf 29:29
5. Philip Scarborough 29:55
6. Mark Deadder 30:24
7. Peter McLaughlin 31:18
8. Peter Neubauer 31:42
9. Mark O'Hara 32:04
10. Nick DeMay 32:11
11. Neal Powers 32:39
12. Gina Rus 32:40
13. Carol Hyland 33:23
14. Pam Stillwagon 33:30
15. Duane Flanigan 33:47
16. Lee Hammack 34:37
17. Anthony DuComb 35:24
18. Sue Garfield 35:27
19. Ken Coren 35:42
20. Rey Hassan 36:14
21. Jerry Cullen 36:14
22. Cecilia Minalga 36:28
23. Tom Kernan 36:42
24. Ed deCossio 37:59
25. Gail Grynbaum 39:22
26. Will Powning 39:50
27.John Theede 45:12

Pilots: Ray Artigues, Pete Bianucci, Rich Cooper, Sam Corn, Pierce Corn, Peter Darlington, Al de la Pena, Gary Ersham, Jim Fagan, K. Michael Flynn, Mara Frattasio, Suzanne Friedrich, Colin Gift, Don Harrison, Neil Hartnett, John Kortum, Steve Lathram, Susan Lauritzen, Dan McGill, Marla McGowan, Bob McKinley, Eric Mellinger, Theresa Ouano, Ben Owen, Tom Paper, and Chuck Vogt.

Helpers: Pete Bianucci, Andy Camous, Kate Coleman, Jerry Cullen, Rudy DeMay, Suzie Dods , Anthony DuComb, Sue Garfield, Steve Lathram, Mark Mullen, Ken Pace, Neal Powers, Don Reid , Debbie Rose, Philip Scarborough, Noel Turner, Bonnie Winn, and Paul Wolf.


A cadre of Dolphin Ladies

Crazy Cove
May 24, 1999

Jump off: 9:05 a.m.; water temp.: 54 F. Current: ever increasing ebb.

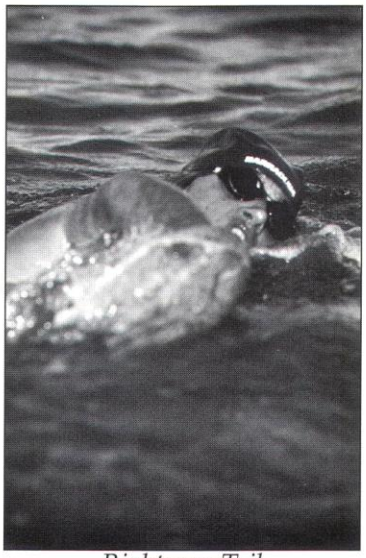
1. John Selmer 17:52
2. Matt McKai 18:53
3. Laura Burtch 19:35
4. John Pelka 20:09
5. Jeff Deren 20:52
6. Larry Scoggins 21:15
7. Margaret Keenan 21:18
8. Peter Darlington 21:27
9. Vince Huang 23:13
10. Rebecca Tilley 23:13
11. Mason Flynn 23:52
12. Joe Illick 24:23
13. Bonnie Winn 24:35
14. Krist Jake 24:44
15. Dave Zovickian 24:52
16. Mark McKee 24:57
17. Sunny McKee 26:25
18. George Robin 26:45
19. Keith Nelson 26:52
20. Barry Christian 27:58
21. Anthony DuComb 30:07
22. Larry Wisch 33:39
23. Gail Grybaum 38:47
24. John Theede 41:14
25. John Jaber 41:24

Short Course:

1. Dan Osborne 12:22
2. Susan Cobb 15:15
3. Jackie Merovich 15:21
4. Steve Latham 18:01
5. Jenny von Blankenburg .18:17

Pilots: Ray Artigues, Tom Dugan, Jim Fagan, Keith Foxe, Bill Pickelhauf, Conrad von Blankenburg, and Eric von Blankenburg.

Helpers: Susan Anson, Pete Bianucci, Andy Camous, Susan Cobb, Anthony DuComb, Sue Garfield, Sid Hollister, Cathy Huang, Joe Illick, Krist Jake, Mickey Lavelle, Mimi Osborne, Era Osibe, Don Reid, Heather Royer, John Theede, Rebecca Tilley, and Todd Walsh,

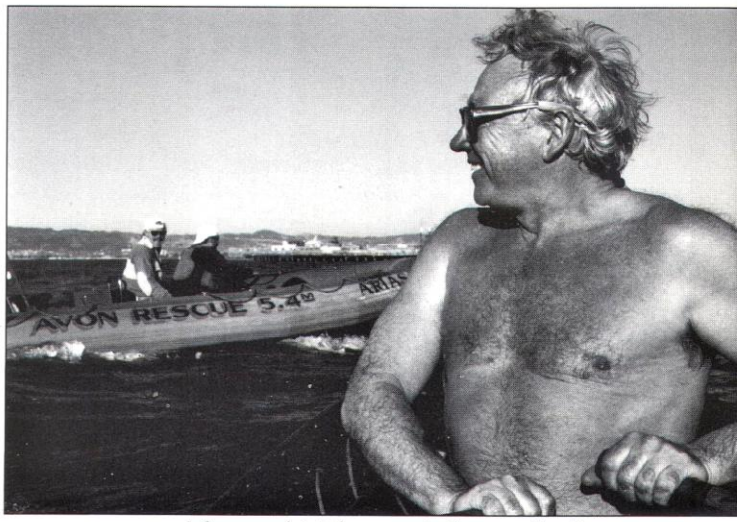

Righteous Toil

Twilight Cove
June 18, 1999

Jump Off: 6:30 p.m.; water temp: 57 F; overall conditions: San Francisco summer evening. Four courses: 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, and 2 miles.

2 Mile Course

1. John Pelka 45:45
2. Suzie Dods 46:30



A bronzed Irishman at play on the Bay

1 1/2 Mile Course

1. Steve Schatz 34:00
2. George Kebbe 34:23
3. Phil Rollins 36:34
4. Phillip Scarborough 37:12
5. Rebecca Tilley 38:12
6. Vince Huang 38:40
7. Tom Hoffman 39:42
8. Sunny McKee 39:34
9. Mark McKee 42:50
10. Fred Johnson 43:30

1 Mile Course

1. Todd Walsh 20:08
2. David Rich 24:59
3. Eric vonBlankenburg ...26:06
4. Elmer Tosta 26:09
5. Barbara Burns 26:55
6. Teresa Ouano 26:55
7. Krist Jake 27:00
8. Joe Illick 27:23
9. Kate Coleman 27:32
10. Margaret Keenan 28:12
11. Larry Parente 28:28
12. Eric Shackleford 28:29
13. Mark Mullen 30:00
14. Ben Owen 30:08
15. Trisa Miller 31:05
16. Pam Stillwagon 31:25
17. Barry Christian 32:05
18. Nancy Horner 32:50
19. John Horner 32:50
20. Norm Duffet 33:45
21. Roger Kleid 33:45
22. Sandra Lehmkuh 34:24

1/2 Mile Course

1. Dan Osborne 13:08
2. Laura Burtch 13:18
3. Dave Zovickian 15:36
4. Jenny vonBlankenburg .17:06
5. Era Osibe 20:24
6. Jim Vanya 20:42
7. Pete Bianucci 21:10
8. Keith Weaver 22:32

Pilots: Ray Artigues, Bob Fewster, and Conrad vonBlankenburg

Helpers: Anthony DuComb, Pete Bianucci, Signe Curtis, Norm Duffet, Duane Flanigan, Rey Hassen, Joe Illick, Fred Johnson, George Kebbe, Mimi Osborne, Teresa Ouano, Ben Owen, John Pelka, Phil Rollins, Phillip Scarborough, Steve Schatz, and Eric Shackleford.

Donate to the Dolphin Club Fund

Privately Owned Water Craft Stored at the Dolphin Club

(Kayaks, Shells, Rowboats, Boards, Motorboats, etc.

The following are the basic rules and guidelines

When in doubt, ask the Boat House Captain, Rowing Commissioner, or any Board Officer)

- Private craft kept at the Dolphin Club must be registered with the Boat House Captain.
- Private craft are kept at the Dolphin Club at their own risk;
- The Dolphin Club is not liable for damage to, or theft of, your craft.
- Private craft kept at the Dolphin Club are available for use by any qualified member.
- Members are qualified when they have successfully completed the Dolphin Club training program specific to the craft; for example:

 Motor Craft—operators require successful completion of Dolphin Club motor craft instruction
 Kayak—users require successful completion of Dolphin Club kayak instruction
 Shell—users require successful completion of Dolphin Club shell instruction (at Lake Merced)

- Qualification programs are under the direction of the Boat House Captain.
- Non-Dolphin Club members are not allowed to use privately owned craft out of the Dolphin Club facilities.
- Private craft kept at the Dolphin Club can not be used to pilot non-Dolphin events from the Dolphin Club.
- All craft must be signed out in the log book located in the Boat House.
- Users must adhere to all City, State, Federal and Dolphin Club safety regulations (i.e. personal floatation devices, etc.).
- Users of privately owned craft are responsible for damage they cause to craft.

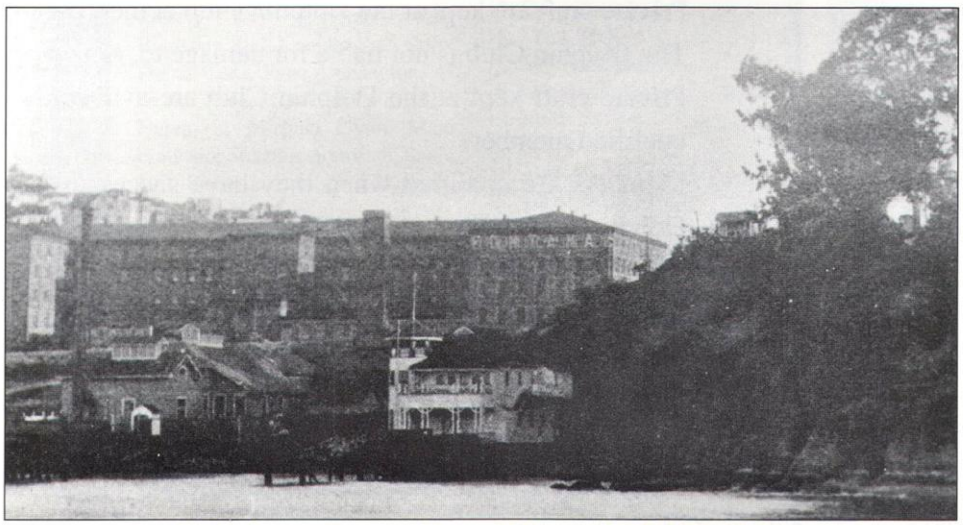
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FEATURE

by Bill Pickelhaupt

THE MODERN HISTORY OF AQUATIC PARK - PART II
THE RAILROAD, THE DEPRESSION & OWNERSHIP BY THE CITY

Earlier this year, the 60th anniversary of the opening of Aquatic Park came and went without fanfare from the Dolphin or South End clubs, San Francisco's Recreation and Park Department or the National Maritime Museum. Regardless of this lack of collective memory, the impetus the two athletic clubs brought to the development of Aquatic Park is important to note. This installment of the history of Aquatic Park tracks the leadership of the Dolphin and South End clubs from 1915-1939 to have the park built.



With the construction of our clubhouse, the Dolphin Club continued the tradition of swimming at Black Point Cove. Circa 1904.

After the Board of Supervisors approved the Aquatic Park plan, little happened in 1915 to bring the plan to fruition. Acquiring the necessary land was the first stumbling block. The South End's Ed Scully advocated exchanging lands held by the city south of Channel Street (currently south of Mission Creek) which the Southern Pacific Railroad wanted for land and options on land the Southern Pacific held in Black Point Cove.

In May 1916, an arbitrator was appointed to bring a proposal to the Board of Supervisors concerning exchange of South Beach Blocks 53 and 54 and Potrero Nuevo Block 381 (Produce Exchange), owned by the City of San Francisco, for property owned in Black Point Cove by Southern Pacific. The Southern Pacific, which owned one-third of the seven blocks in the cove, had been persuaded to obtain options on the remaining land. The Belt Line trestle was to be torn down and the track relocated further inland. In late 1917 the supervisors approved the exchange.

Something which aided the Board of Supervisors in making a favorable decision was that Southern Pacific was to pay $392,073.30 to the city in recognition that the Black Point Cove land was of a lesser value than city lands south of Channel Street. Those funds were received in May 1917 by the city, but the supervisors voted to use the funds for the purchase or retirement of municipal bonds of the City and County of San Francisco. This action and similar delays caused it to take from 1918 until 1925 for the remaining two-thirds of the necessary Black Point Cove property to be purchased or otherwise acquired.

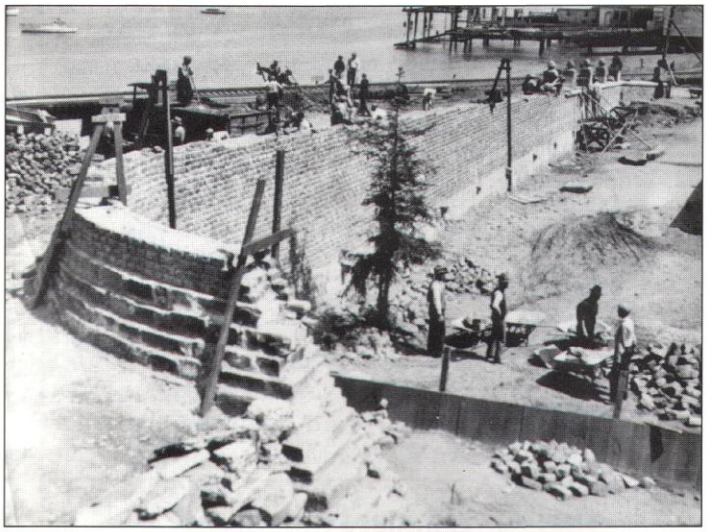
Another facet of Aquatic Park was selection of a set of plans for construction of the park. In 1920 Ed Scully was named as one of a committee of five to review and recommend a specific plan.

In May 1923, the California State Assembly passed an act to convey title to the City and County of San Francisco of all lands bounded by Polk, Tonquin, Larkin, Jefferson and Hyde streets for development of a park. On December 8, 1924, the City finally passed an ordinance accepting the lands granted from the state for an Aquatic Park.

In the meantime, Southern Pacific obtained permission to build a pier for its car ferries. Finished in 1923, ferryboats took autos and passengers to Sausalito and Berkeley from Hyde Street Pier for several years. This pier had ramifications which no one could foresee in 1923.

On June 23, 1927, the Park Commissioners reviewed bids for the work of moving the clubhouses at the foot of Van Ness Avenue. At its September 8, 1927 meeting, payments were authorized for moving the clubs, suggesting that the clubs were probably

moved from the foot of Van Ness to the foot of Larkin Street sometime between July or August 1927.



Looking east from Van Ness Avenue: State Emergency Recovery Act crew constructs a wall for the new Aquatic Park. Note clubs in the background. Circa 1933.

A rumor has persisted over the years that the clubs were placed on barges in 1927 and that the South End barge started to leak. In reality, the clubs were dragged to the foot of Larkin Street pending passage of a bond issue in 1928 to pay for permanently locating the clubs where the Sea Scouts now sit. The clubs argued so much among themselves about what their relative positions would be on the extended Van Ness Avenue location that the city left them at the foot of Larkin Street.

On August 1, 1927 the Park Commissioners presented their progress report on Aquatic Park to the Board of Supervisors. The commissioners began by complaining that special appropriations contemplated for completion of the improvements at the Aquatic Park site by the supervisors had not been forthcoming, other than funds for the purchase of private lands. The bad news was that the total cost estimated to complete the park would be $1,500,000. The Board of Supervisors sought the funds to build Aquatic Park through a bond issue on the November 1928 ballot. Like all Aquatic Park ballot issues before and after it, this one garnered a majority but not a two-thirds majority and was defeated.

In mid-1931 a permit was issued to construct what has come to be known as Muni Pier. The first pilings for the new pier were driven on October 6, 1931. But the Depression further slowed what little progress was being made. The new recreation pier sat half finished, waiting for additional funds. Sadly, Ed Scully died in 1932, not seeing his vision for the people of San Francisco realized. Work on the Park crawled along under State Emergency Relief Administration (SERA) funding in 1934 and 1935.



Fishermen mend their nets on Hyde Street Pier. Circa 1935.

On December 19, 1935, the Works Progress Administration, or WPA, announced it would take over the project of building Aquatic Park. The project was plagued by delays, lack of direction and other problems which finally forced the WPA to quit the project in disgust. As William Mooser, Jr., assistant director of the WPA project, described in June 1936, the WPA was to build two large, modern boathouses, one for the public schools and Sea Scouts, the other for the South End, Dolphin and Ariel clubs.

On December 7, 1937, the clubs were jacked up and moved on rollers from their site at the foot of Larkin Street to their current site at the foot of Hyde Street. The clubs still owned their buildings at this point and paid nothing to the city in rent. The clubs refused to pay the cost of being moved. The city agreed to pay $3,800, the cost of moving the clubs, in return for the clubs' deeding their buildings to the city and signing tenancy agreements with the city. The clubs would move into the new municipal boathouse when the WPA finished the work. Two long-standing rumors enter here: first, that the South End turned down the building because it did not contain handball courts; secondly, the Dolphin Club wanted their own separate building and rejected a single building for all three clubs.

In any case, the clubs stayed in their existing boathouses, and the city of San Francisco signed a lease with two brothers for use of the municipal boathouse, now known as the Maritime Museum Building, as a casino. The brothers made constant complaints to the city, had a series of public relations disasters and refused to pay their rent for over a year. The city booted them out just as WWII was about to begin. Aquatic Park had opened to the public in January 1939, in theory at least, but it served as a military headquarters during the war. *War years and beyond: next issue*

Credit John W. Proctor, San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park

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for three days of surgery, during which 56 pints of blood were used, he died on October 23, 1963 at 27 years of age.

STEVE CUTHBERT — A Single, built in 1981. Steve Cuthbert joined the Dolphin Club in July of 1962. A student and lifeguard in the East Bay, Steve was one of the club's top swimmers. Steve later joined the United States Air Force and became a jet pilot, flying F-4E Phantoms. Major Steve Cuthbert was shot down over North Vietnam on July 3, 1972 and was killed. His remains were returned to the U.S. in September of 1990. Steve was 29 years old.

FRED HOWARD — A single. Dr. Frederick Howard, a prominent San Francisco urologist, joined the Dolphin Club in May of 1967. "Doc" Howard was a popular Dolphin who participated in most swims and missed few Dolphin social events. He was the attending physician on the Stu Evans Farallones swim and on many other long-distance swims. Dr. Fred Howard died in May of 1972 at age 58.

GLADYS AUSTIN — A Fiberglass Single, built in 1987. Gladys Austin was a lifelong rower, first in New Jersey, and later in Santa Barbara, California. The boat is a memorial to her and was given to the club by her son, Dolphin Club member Dr. George Austin of Santa Barbara, in 1987. Gladys Austin died at age 94.

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taking first in the run, the lack of depth hurt us in the overall point total. This year, Ruben Hechanova has agreed to manage our newly inspired competitive team's attempt to wrest back the trophy from our neighbor. Laura Merkl (swimmers), Louise Bea (rowers), and Anthony DuComb (runners) will be co-captains and recruiters. Certainly, all of those who want a final warm-up before the Escape from Alcatraz on October 17th should consider joining the effort.

So mark your calendars, watch the bulletin board, and enjoy of your swims, wherever they may be.

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the Fall issue of the Dolphin Log is September 15, 1999. Feel free to contribute stories, ideas, photos, drawings, sketches, cartoons or archives that you think would be of interest to Dolphins. Leave your material in our box in the Staib Room, mail it to the Dolphin Club care of the editors, email it to sheridansf@aol.com or janchris@pacbell.net, or approach us in person.

South Ends' Upcoming Swim Schedule

August
09 - Fort Point, 30 - Golden Gate
September
06 - Yacht Harbor
13 - Club Summer Alcatraz
October 4 - Anita Rock

Dolphins are encouraged to help pilot South End swims (member-only swims). Please check with the Boathouse Captain or Swim Commissioner if you have any questions.

Then and Now Answers
1 - Jon Nakamura, 2 - George Brennan, 3 - Pavla Podolska,
4 - Tobias and Phil Kohlenberg, 5 - Mineko Gallic,
6 Anne Sasaki, 7 - Carlos Bea (right side)

1999 Swim Schedule

Schedule Subject to Changes

Date	*Event*	*Jump-Off*
December 21, 1998 - *Monday*	*Polar Bear Swim Begins*	
January 1 - *Thursday*	New Year's Day Alcatraz and Cove	09:00
January 31 - *Saturday*	✶ Mid-Winter Gas House Cove	08:14
February 14 - *Sunday*	✶ - Man Mid-Winter Cove	09:00
March 21 - *Sunday*	✶ Spring Cove *Polar (Bear Swim Ends)*	09:00
April 17 - *Saturday*	✶ Yacht Harbor	10:00
April 23 - *Friday*	✶ South End Twilight Cove, Dinner, and Dance!	18:00
May 8 - *Saturday*	✶ Pier 43 1/2	09:15
May 23 - *Sunday*	✶ **Dick Beeler** Crazy Cove	09:00
June 1 - *Tuesday*	*100 Mile Swim Begins*	
June 12 - *Saturday*	✶ Crissy Field	07:45
June 18 - *Friday*	✶ Twilight Cove - Pot Luck and BBQ	18:30
July 4 - *Sunday*	✶ Pier 39	07:30
July 11 - *Sunday*	✶ Fort Point	07:30
July 17 - *Saturday*	✶ Trans Tahoe Relay	TBA
July 23 - *Friday*	✶ Gas House Cove Twilight/Pot Luck and BBQ	18:30
July 31 - *Saturday*	✶ Santa Cruz Pier Swim	11:00
August 13 - *Friday*	✶ Twilight Pier 43 1/2	18:30
August 28 - *Saturday*	✶ **Doc Howard** - Over 45 - Gas House Cove	10:00
September 12 - *Sunday*	✶ Over Sixty Cove - *Swim fees not necessary*	10:00
September 12 - *Sunday*	Introduction to Bay Swimming	TBA
September 18 - *Saturday*	**Joe Bruno** Golden Gate II - Fast Day	08:00
September 19 - *Sunday*	**Joe Bruno** Golden Gate I - Slow Day	08:45
October 3 - *Sunday*	Alcatraz	08:30
October 10 - *Saturday*	Dolphin/South End Triathlon	08:30
October 17 - *Sunday*	Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon	07:40
October 24 - *Sunday*	Handicap Cove	09:00
October 31 - *Saturday*	*100 Mile Swim Ends*	
November 13 - *Saturday*	Annual Swim and Pilot Appreciation Dinner	19:00
November 25 - *Thursday*	Thanksgiving Day Cove	09:00
December 19 - *Sunday*	New Year's Day Alcatraz Qualifier	09:00
December 21 - *Monday*	*Polar Bear Swim Begins*	

• Swim Program Rules •

1. Club scheduled swims are restricted to club members only.
2. Swimmers are required to wear fluorescent orange caps on all scheduled swims.
3. Swimmers must be members in good standing with dues current and swim fees paid.
4. New members are not eligible to swim in scheduled swims for 6 months from their membership start.
5. Out-of-cove swims are limited to 60 swimmers and may be further limited by the Swim Commission.
6. Alcatraz and Golden Gate swims are limited to 75 swimmers; Alcatraz swimmers are chosen by lottery.
7. Swim sign-up sheets are posted two weeks prior to each swim.
8. Time limits are imposed and enforced for all swims.
9. All club boats are reserved for scheduled swims.

• Additional qualifications for Alcatraz and Golden Gate Swims •

10. In-town members must successfully complete 2 swims marked with a wheel (✶) and one other scheduled swim and pilot or help on at least 2 others.
11. Out-of-town members (those residing 100+ miles from the club) must have successfully completed 2 of the last 3 club scheduled Alcatraz and/or Golden Gate swims or meet rule 10 above.
12. Once a member has qualified for Alcatraz/Golden gate swims, non-qualified members will be given priority to qualifying swims.

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Aquatic Park, circa 1952

The Fort Sutter Years

DOLPHIN BULLETIN BOARD

News and Notes for the Dolphin Club Membership

DOLPHIN CLUB BUILDING FUND

The Dolphin Club Building Fund (DCBF) was established in November of 1998 as a long-needed way to help fund capital improvements to Club facilities. Last summer Club members received a focused request to contribute to the DCBF in order to provide funds necessary to complete the renovations of the women's locker room and to make required disability access upgrades to the building—a $350,000 to $400,000 project. Since the amount of dues set aside over the last six years fell short of the total project costs, we set a goal of $150,000 in donations to the DCBF to meet our needs.

The response has been excellent! As of October 11, 1999, a total of 241 Dolphins have donated over $105,000 to the DCBF. Some members have contributed to the fund two or three times since its inception.

The Dolphin Club Building Fund is an ongoing mechanism for receiving donations that can be used to fund upgrades and improvements to the Dolphin Club. Capital projects are scheduled "as needed." The timing and cost of these projects varies widely from year to year. The Club's Boat House Captain and Board of Directors routinely predict capital project needs, and set aside a portion of member dues each year in anticipation of future work. This creates a continuous tension between the funding needs for day-to-day operations and the funding demand for capital improvements. Given the cost and ongoing nature of keeping our circa 1886 building in good condition, there will always be a need for the Dolphin Club Building Fund to augment available funds.

The Building Fund allows the Club to create a cushion of isolated funds for capital projects. A well-financed Building Fund will help provide funding to insure the physical integrity of the Club building, piers, etc., for future generations.

Donations by 26% of our membership have funded the lion's share of our $150,000 goal. The shortfall will be funded by the $100 assessment approved by the membership in September 1999, and the Phase 2 women's locker room/ADA project will proceed this Fall and Winter.

If sufficient funds remain after Phase 2 is complete, we can begin architectural plans for our next major project. Phase 3 will involve new toilets, sinks and reconfiguration of portions of the men's locker room. We will need to continue to raise funds to complete Phase 3. If you have not yet made a gift to the DCBF, your donation is still needed and will make a difference!



All smiles after a flawless Gate

To make a donation of any size, please follow these three steps:

1. Make a check payable to "Friends of Recreation and Parks."
2. Write "Dolphin Club Account" on the memo line.
3. Mail your check to the Club (Attn: Building Fund) or leave it in the "Funding Committee" mail box off the Staib Room.

Donations of publicly traded securities can also be accepted. Contact a member of the Funding Committee to do this. Please remember that your gift is tax-deductible (consult your tax advisor regarding the effect of any gift you make). Special thanks to committee members: Nancy Friedman, Meg Reilly, Mark and Sunny McKee, and David Zovickian.

ELECTION RESULTS

Pursuant to the Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club's By-Laws, Article IV, Section 4, Paragraph e states that "election results shall be published in the Dolphin Log and posted on the Club bulletin board." The following are the special election results on the proposed assessment on active members of the Dolphin Club:

Ballots Mailed	927
Ballots Returned	391
For Assessment (passed)	312
Against Assessment	74
Not Counted (no signature)	5

Certified by Election Committee members: Mimi Osborne, Lou Marcelli, and Jerry Cullen.

OPEN WATER SWIMS

This past summer, Becky Fenson, a holder of many Dolphin swimming records, attempted to break the world record for swimming around Manhattan Island. Her attempt was prompted by an intriguing conversation with master pilot Don Harrison. Becky recently recalled that "Literally one day Don and I were talking at the Club and he suggested that I do a Manhattan swim for the record; it would be big challenge for both of us. So after thinking about it, I decided to go for it."

Don, with some help of some East-coast insiders, carefully mapped out and planned the course. At 2:00 a.m., on July 14, 1999, Becky jumped into the

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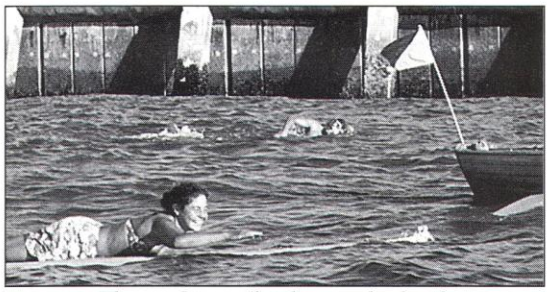
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East River at East 96th Street. The bright lights of the city helped, but it was Don Harrison, accompanied by John Selmer, who piloted Becky through the dark waters of the city. "It was an incredible thrill, jumping into the East River..." said Becky. "It was a warm, still and beautiful night in New York City." She swam up the Harlem River, reaching Yankee Stadium in (possibly) record time. Later, they encountered swirling water up at the northern tip of the island. It was like "being in a washing machine," Becky recalled. "I missed a feeding and they (pilots) pushed me onward."



Theresa Owen pilots her new husband

Throughout her swim, Becky was faced with a common plight for many of our great long-distance swimmers: jellyfish. This time, the little critters came in brilliant fluorescent green. "They were bouncing off my face, every time I took a stroke" said Becky.

As she started down the Hudson River, the sun started to rise, but the anticipated tidal push never arrived. Finishing the 28-mile swim with a time of six hours and seven minutes, Becky was just 22 minutes off the world record. However, she now holds the fourth fastest time in history for either a man or woman for the Manhattan Swim. Happy that it was over, she said it was a tremendous adventure and under the conditions, "it was great."

Heather Royer

Later in the summer, Dolphin swimmer Heather Royer added her name to the Dolphins who have crossed the English Channel. Accompanied by her family and fellow Dolphin Heidi Schriefer, Heather entered the cold waters of the Channel at Shakespeare Beach in Dover, England on August 6th, at 6:30 a.m. At first the weather and conditions were ideal with lots of sun and flat seas. Halfway through, however, "it got rough and possibly windy." Ms. Royer recalled. "I tuned out the weather while swimming. I could see it was windy from photographs taken and I know it was sunny, because, later I had a big sunburn."

At one point when Heidi jumped in to swim along side, they encountered the dreaded jellyfish—luckily, they could easily be avoided. For awhile Heather kept track of how long she had been in the water by "Counting how many Hovercrafts passed by."

Heather landed just south of Cap Grisnez, France. Apart from the smelly algae close to shore, there was no problem hitting the beach. Accompanied by her sister and Heidi, Heather finished her Channel crossing in a quick 10 hours, 43 minutes. Congratulations!

DOLPHINS RECLAIM ROWING GLORY

After years of being shamed by the South End, the Dolphin Club rowers have finally begun to strut their stuff. In the past two years, several Dolphins, particularly Peter Brand, have been winning major open water shell rowing races, often trouncing not only South Enders but other prominent Northern California rowers in the process.

An early sign of the growing strength of Dolphin rowers became visible last year when, for the first time in years, the Dolphin Club defeated the South End in the rowing portion of the Dolphin-South End Triathlon. (South Enders were still the overall winners of that triathlon. Ask Dolphin participants about it, however, and you'll hear that the South End's victory may have been more of a technical one. As everyone knows, that the triathlon is more of a Quadrathlon—the fourth event being an argument about the way the points are scored.)

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The History of Aquatic Park–Part III

The Fort Sutter Years

By Bill Pickelhaupt

After the end of World War II, U.S. military authorities returned control of the Aquatic Park Boathouse to the City of San Francisco. Built in the 1930s by the Works Progress Administration, the City was at a loss as to what to do with the building. Its intended residents, the rowing clubs in Aquatic Park, had turned the building down. Only the Senior Center (still in the building today) occupied the Boathouse during the years right after the war. The cost of upkeep was high as hundreds of requests were received every year to use the building for wedding receptions and Veteran and club meetings. The Recreation and Park Commission, which had to review each request as well as tend to its other business, was eager to find a permanent tenant for the building.

Karl Kortum, ably assisted by Scott Newhall of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, had a vision of a large-scale maritime park, and worked to secure a lease on the Boathouse. In August, 1950, the Recreation and Park Commission drew up an agreement with representatives of the proposed Maritime Museum, the Commission's general manager, and the city attorney. This agreement to lease a portion of the Aquatic Park building to the Maritime Museum Association was approved by the Board in September 1950. The City and County of San Francisco was to receive a $1 per year rental income.

Now that the Maritime Museum had its building, it prepared plans to relocate the *Capitol City*, an old riverboat complete with a "high type restaurant" to the park.

Karl Kortum, who dreamed of a waterfront park that would rekindle feelings of the romantic days when San Francisco was a working waterfront, approached Barney Gould in 1949 with the idea of a waterfront theater and cafe in Aquatic Park aboard the *Capitol City*. Gould became a key player in making Kortum's dream a reality.

In 1951, an agreement was drawn up between the Association and the Commission that allowed the *Capitol City* to tie-up in the park, and house a theater and restaurant. No fee was to be charged for admission, but Gould had to provide proof of financial responsibility. In March 1952, written permission was given to Gould to bring the *Capitol City* into the park, but no input had been sought by the permanent residents of Aquatic Park: the rowing and swimming clubs.



Launching of Fort Sutter, *1912*

The *Capitol City*, however, moored at China Basin, fell victim to a winter storm. The ever-resourceful Gould then purchased the *Capitol City's* sister ship, the *Fort Sutter*. The back story of these crafts is as intriguing as their denouements.

The boats were built in 1910 and 1912, respectively, for the San Francisco to Sacramento run by the shipyard Schultze, Robinson & Schultze. A competitive essay contest sponsored by the owner of the boats, the California Transportation Company, on the topic of "Fort Sutter & Its Significance in the Westward Trend of Civilization," was won by Miss Eva Lowry. Along with the right to christen the *Fort Sutter*, Miss Lowry was awarded $50, a goodly sum in 1912.

Forty years later, Gould bought the dilapidated *Fort Sutter* from the Stockton Sportmen's Club. In early February 1953, she was pulled up next to the San Francisco Rowing Club and the eastern comfort station of Aquatic Park, dwarfing all she surveyed.

Shortly thereafter, on February 12, 1953 Phil Hunter, of the South End Rowing Club appeared before the Recreation and Park Commission to protest the beaching of the old riverboat next to the rowing clubs. The amount of beach area the *Fort Sutter* took up and its neglected appearance were the primary complaints. After

considerable discussion, a study of Aquatic Park was directed by the Commission to determine if any other site within the park was more suitable. The old debate between recreation and development along San Francisco's waterfront in the past decades was to be played out again in Aquatic Park. The idea of a "high type restaurant" in particular was to surface more than once in coming decades.

4,000. Two tugs and a bulldozer huffed and puffed but failed to free the boat. The next day the tugs were back in action and the *Fort Sutter* was extricated, but a huge hole was torn in her stern and thousands of gallons of water poured in. Gould ran the hulk onto the rocks at the western end of the park, rather than the approved (and closer) mooring at Hyde Street Pier. "Ironically, she is just where we want her!" Gould exclaimed.

and restaurant in operation. But its most immediate neighbors grew tired of what had become a rat-infested eyesore.

On May 2, 1959, four men raced up the gangway with a can of gasoline and set a match to the *Fort Sutter* before the two watchmen on board could stop them. In seconds, the old 240-foot sternwheeler was burning like a "Fourth of July bonfire." After fire-



Tugs attempt to pull the Fort Sutter *off the beach*

The San Francisco Citizens Committee for the Preservation of Aquatic Park was formed with the help of many members of the rowing clubs, irked that the Recreation and Park Commission had not advised the them of Gould's plan to put the *Fort Sutter* not only in the park, but in a position that interfered with the use of the beach at the east end of the cove. South End members Frank Gallagher and Phil Hunter attended numerous Commission meetings, and on November 25, 1953, the Commission passed Resolution No. 1340, which ordered Gould to remove the *Fort Sutter* from the east end of the cove.

The following month, Gould made two attempts to pull the old hulk from the beach. The first try, on a sunny Sunday afternoon, drew a crowd of

The *Fort Sutter* seemed to like her new location because she sat there for a very long time, in defiance of the wishes of several jurisdictions in city government. In August, 1954, the Recreation and Park's Commission ordered the *Fort Sutter* out of Aquatic Park, but saw no action. Two years later, in August, 1956, Mayor George Christopher told Gould to do something or "I'll go down there with a hand ax and attack the boat myself." In December, 1956, a Superior Court judge ordered the boat removed by March 1, 1957. But the *Fort Sutter* just sadly sat and sat.

Gould occasionally made a statement that financial backers had been lined up and, yes, in a short time the boat would be fixed up and the theater

men rescued the two watchmen, the Fire Chief said, "Let 'er burn. We'll save money on it." Reports were that the blaze could be seen in Berkeley, and that the four men were South End members. The arsonists were never identified and the *Fort Sutter* sat no more in Aquatic Park. ❁

Next month: The 70s and into the Millennium.

Pilot/Swim Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, November 13, 1999

President's Message

by Meg Reilly

Will You Serve?

Vacancies

You probably know that we elect 15 board members and officers every year—president, vice president, treasurer, financial secretary, recording secretary, and nine governors at large. You may not know that the club has term limits. No board or officer position can be held by the same person for more than two consecutive years. As a result, vacancies routinely occur in these positions, and they need to be filled.

In addition, a number of other positions are filled annually by appointment. For example, various committees and commissioners are needed to manage entertainment,



The Gate Swim Deluxe Prize Package and one of its authors, left

swimming programs, rowing programs, boat maintenance, weight room and galley management, etc. These appointments are usually made at the first board meeting of each calendar year.

All board members, officers, committees and commissioners serve as volunteers. It's a great way to get more involved with the club.



There's more than one way to get into the Dolphin spirit

Any person who is a member for one year or more and who is in good standing may be nominated for a board or officer position. Nomination petitions can be found at the club posted on the bulletin board. If you are interested in serving, submit your nomination petition signed by 5 members in good standing to the recording secretary, Louise Bea, on or before the Board of Governors meeting which will be held on November 17, 1999 at 7 p.m. in the Staib Room 502 Jefferson Street. Each member shall appear at the November meeting of the Board of Governors to confirm the member's candidacy. The Board of Governors may, on good cause shown, waive the requirement that a candidate personally appear.

Please consider taking advantage of the opportunity to serve as board member, officer, commissioner, committee member or general volunteer. For more information about how you might help, feel free to contact any board member.

Closing this Century

This is the last publication of the Dolphin Club Log in this century. It's a fitting time to review the fundamentals that have kept the club thriving into the year 2000.

Purpose

The club's articles of incorporation state the purposes for which the club exists. The specific and primary purpose of this corporation is to promote social welfare…by affording to the general public the opportunity of participating in the healthful arts of rowing, swimming and outdoor sports.

It's remarkable that the club's basic purposes have remained the same since 1877, and continue today as the driving force behind everything the club does.



The tasty side of volunteerism

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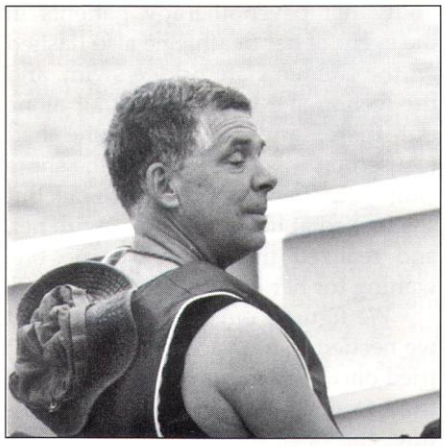
As retiring President, I take this opportunity to thank all members who contributed to a wonderful two years. I attribute all of our success to the support and hard work of the many members who consistently gave their time and efforts.



Bright eyed & ready to pilot



Stretching on the sun-drenched Dolphin dock



Pilot Joe Cowan

Names of Places Familiar to Dolphins

Their History and Meaning

By John Mervin

Angel Island (Island, San Francisco Bay)
Manuel de la Ayala, commanding the ship *San Carlos* which anchored in San Francisco Bay in 1775, named the island "La Isla de Nuestra Senora de Los Angeles" (The Island of our Lady of the Angels). This was later truncated and became Angel Island. The island can be seen from the Dolphin Club and is a sometime rowing destination for a few.



Embarcadero
(Waterfront of San Francisco)
Aym-bahr-cah-day-roh… Spanish, meaning landing place or shipping point. The Embarcadero was first called East Street.

Mare Island (Solano County)
Originally name by General Vallejo, "La Isla de la Yegua" (lah Ees-lah day lah Yay-gwah) or "The Island of the Mare," to commemorate the recovery of a much prized old white mare. The mare was being transported by ferry boat from Martinez to Benicia, when the boat capsized in a squall. The mare succeeded in swimming to land.

Petaluma River (River, Sonoma County)
Pet-ah-loo-mah… A coast Miwok Indian name meaning "flat-back," descriptive of a hill near the town of Petaluma. A once a year rowing excursion navigates the Petaluma.

San Francisco (Bay, City and County)
San Fran-sis-co… St. Francis. The name honors the memory of St. Francis of Assisi. The city, at first the town of Yerba Buena, was formally named San Francisco early in 1847 (after the Mexican Conquest) for Mission San Francisco de Asis (Mission Dolores), dedicated October 8, 1776. Our fair City.

Sausalito (City, Marin County)
Saw-sah-lee-toh… From Sausalitos, little willows; a clump of willows. Name was spelled "Saucelitos" in the early days. Rowers often make their way toward Sam's for liquor and cholesterol laden foods.

Tiburon (Peninsula, San Francisco Bay)
Tee-boo-rohn… Shark. Ouch!

Factual information is credited to Thomas P. Brown in his 1957 book Colorful California Names. *Unsavory banter provided by John P. Mervin.*

FEATURE

by John Theede

SWIMMING AND KAYAKING IN PARADISE

My wife and I spent our 15th wedding anniversary over the Memorial Day weekend this year in Baja California, at the Hotel Cabo San Lucas. We chose this resort because we wanted a romantic place to stay. It also has a reputation for a safe swimming beach, unlike the others in the area, which have serious rip tides and undertow. In addition, this hotel has a dining terrace with a dramatic view of the waves crashing on the rocks below, particularly by moonlight.

We arrived in the late afternoon, and immediately ambled down to the gorgeous beach for a swim. There were lots of people there, mostly sunning and snorkeling in the calm cove. We swam out to the main snorkeling area, and I noticed a few strange stinging sensations on my neck and arm. I ignored them. When we got about half way back to the beach, the stinging suddenly intensified. I heard my wife yelling "OW! OW!" and watched her practically jump out of the water. We had apparently both run into a large school of jellyfish. It felt like we were being hit by tiny hot pebbles, an underwater sandstorm. We got out of the water as soon as possible, and discovered that we had been stung on our arms and legs. I had also been stung on my neck. Back at the hotel, we asked the clerks at the reception area what we could do for the stings. They shrugged their shoulders. We took showers to try to scrub the areas down, and then we hopped on a bus and rode in to the tiny village of San Jose Del Cabo that evening to get some medication. We went to the pharmacy there. The pharmacist was not helpful, telling us that Mexicans didn't have a problem with this, only gringos. We learned later that this was not true. We got cortisone cream, and applied it on the stung areas while standing there in the store aisle.

On the bus ride back to the hotel, my nose starting dripping profusely, and I could feel my upper sinuses beginning to swell up. The jellyfish toxin was producing a severe histamine reaction.



Kayakers during a better moment on the Bay

After a restless night with fitful sleep, barely able to breathe, I got some antihistamine the next morning at the hotel gift shop, which dried up my sinuses. But my body was covered with poison oak-like welts. My reaction had been much worse than that of my wife. We swam at the hotel pool for the rest of our stay, only walked and relaxed down at the beach.

The day before we were to leave, we decided it would be fun to rent a kayak from the dive shop at the beach. The rental shop owner, a surfer from California who had run the shop for years, told us how to care for jellyfish stings: rub them with sand to remove the stingers, and use vinegar or urine to neutralize the toxins. This information would have been helpful a few days earlier.

We got a double kayak and launched out into the cove, intending to go out for an hour or two. We had to go directly out from the beach about a mile and a half to clear a large exposed reef, and then head west toward the Twin Dolphin Hotel. The water had fair- sized rolling waves. I was in the rear seat of the kayak, and after about 45 minutes, noticed that the boat seemed to be riding low in the water. Water was regularly coming in over the side. We decided we should head back, since it was getting late in the day and it was harder to paddle the boat than we had anticipated.

We turned around, against the current, and it pushed us farther from shore despite our combined efforts. The boat was difficult to stabilize, and soon capsized. We salvaged the paddles and a floating water bottle, clinging to the kayak. I realized that we were a long way from the shore, and that I had never taken the part of the Sea Trek kayak class where they teach you how to get back into one of these things when it goes over. My wife later told me that she was frightened and had thoughts of how a colleague would notify her psychotherapy patients in the event of her death. She also flashed on the Golden Gate Bridge swim, and the feeling she had of being all alone out there, and that what she had focused on was that I was on the shore waiting for her, so she swam to me. But she looked at me in the water with her, and realized that there was no one waiting for her on shore.

We figured out fairly quickly that we needed to get back into the boat. I tried once, and got up in it, but when I tried to get into a proper seated posture, the boat went over again. Then

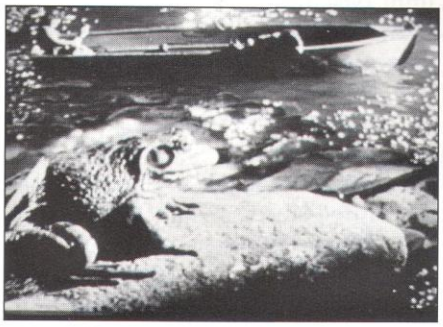
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FEATURE

by Phil Kohlenberg

ROWING IN THE MOVIES

In the late 80's, before he became a big star, Nicolas Cage made what I think is the only film about a real person who was a rower (except for *Dreamchild*—see page 11), *The Boy in Blue*. It's about Ned Hanlon, the Canadian bootlegger who invented the sliding seat, which is the only significant improvement in rowing in the last couple of thousand years. There's a fine photograph of Hanlon in the Staib room, and we can learn as much about him from the photograph as we can from seeing the film. I went to see the film not long after I joined the Dolphin Club, learning thereby not to see a movie just because you're interested in the subject matter. The rowing scenes are beautiful but boring, and there aren't enough of them to float the film.



From Night of the Hunter

Around the same time, Rob Lowe (at the peak of his career, before the sex tape) made a rowing movie called *Oxford Blues*, which I haven't seen. A club member who has seen it told me that if I didn't like *The Boy in Blue* I certainly wouldn't like *Oxford Blues*.

That's the short list of films about rowing; but there are a lot of films with scenes of rowing, including some where rowing is important to the movie. Here are a few, listed by significant action:

Murder by Rowboat:

In *Kind Hearts and Coronets* (1950, directed by Robert Hamer), Alec Guiness plays eight members of a ducal family, and Dennis Price kills him eight times, the first time in a boat.



Hitchcock's *Lifeboat*

Guiness, as the upper-class twit, is in the boat making love to his girlfriend. Price unties the boat from its mooring, gives it a shove and sends it over the falls. He's sorry for the girl but reflects that she had already suffered a fate worse than death.

Attempted Murder by Rowboat:

In F.W. Murnau's *Sunrise* (1927), one of the last and greatest silent films and winner of a 1927 Academy Award, the husband takes his wife for a row, planning to throw her overboard, but can't bring himself to do it. The boat is much like our Whitehalls and is equipped with a sail which they use on the return trip. There is an exciting storm on the lake complete with ripped sail and broken oars. A great film, and best seen on a big screen.

Escape by Rowboat
(from a psychotic killer):

In *Night of the Hunter* (1950, directed by Charles Laughton) Robert Mitchum has just killed Shelley Winters and is chasing her children, who have the money; they run down to the river, jump in a rowboat, and drift downstream in the moonlight, observed by the rabbits, the frogs and the foxes on the shore. This is one of the greatest psychotic-killer horror films, and the dreamlike moonlight river sequence in the middle it the quality of a fairy tale.

Escape by Rowboat
(from a sunken ship):

Hitchcock's *Lifeboat* (1944): Tallulah Bankhead, Hume Cronyn and John Hodiak are some of the survivors, but Walter Slezak as the U-boat captain rows with all of the skill of an *ubermensch*. Our Whitehalls, even when swamped, can hold over a dozen people. See this film to know what our boats would look like if we had to get everybody out of the water at once.

Escape by Rowboat (from mutiny):

Charles Laughton, appearing before the camera as Captain Bligh, heroically guides his rowboat from Tahiti to Timor, but *Mutiny on the Bounty* (1935, directed by Frank Lloyd) doesn't pay very much attention to his epic voyage. The rowing might be better in Brando's 1962 version (directed by Lewis Milestone), with Trevor Howard as Bligh, or in the recent version called *The Bounty* (1984, directed by Roger Donaldson), with Mel Gibson as Fletcher Christian and Anthony Hopkins as Bligh.



F.W. Murnau's *Sunrise*

Escape by Rowboat
(from the Italian army):

Everybody remembers *A Farewell to Arms*, where Frederic Henry, deserting the army, rows across Lake Como at night, with his pregnant girlfriend as a passenger, eluding the Italian patrols.

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Old Timer Profile

by Matthew C. Sheridan

Bill Powning

"I never miss a party, and I never miss a swim," best describes Bill Powning's love for the Dolphin Club. He can be spotted from afar at any Dolphin social event, usually donning a madras jacket and sipping a martini. His beautiful wife beside him, mingling with the crowd, has her own special presence in our clubhouse. The life of the party, Bill and Jacqueline Powning bring a certain style and class to the Dolphin Club.

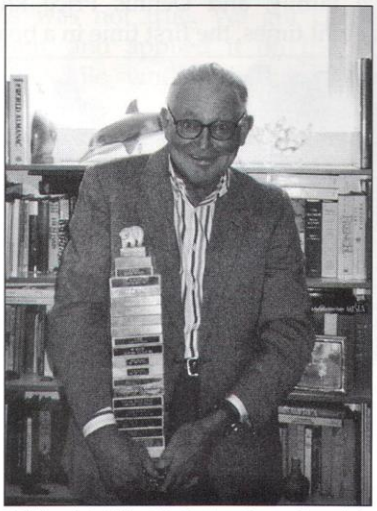
On a sunny day they can often be seen dining on the dock together, relishing their 50 years of marriage. The story of the Pownings and their involvement with the Dolphin Club is both unique and typical, enhancing the rich history of our Club.

Mr. Powning cherishes the many perks the club offers: open-water swimming, kayaking, and the social aspects. Due to an ailing shoulder, his glory days of swimming every swim are over. Yet he still tries to "win a buck or two from Bob McKenzie or Don Reid at some of the swims."

A visit to the Powning's apartment reveals the walls of his garage adorned with hundreds of photos of years past. According to Powning, the late Jerry Hawryluk, a Dolphin member and photographer for *San Francisco Chronicle*, would photograph many of the Club's events, selling sharp looking photos for a buck to the membership.

As a young man, growing up in Connecticut, Bill spent his summers swimming in Long Island Sound, readying himself for his future cold-water exploits. A graduate of Yale University, he enrolled in Harvard Business School, believing there would be no war. When World War II broke out, he was unable to serve in active duty due to his nearsightedness.

Powning passed up Harvard, despite having been awarded a scholarship, and joined the American Field Service (AFS) as a volunteer ambulance driver. He served with the British 8th Army in North Africa and Italy and later with the French army in Germany and Austria.



Bill with his 23 Polar Bear Trophies



A wall of historic Dolphin photos

Typical of his time, Powning "stole a BMW in Munich the day after the war ended, drove to Paris, and got out of the service." There he got a job at the State Department, where, "six months turned into three years."

Being a young man who spoke French fairly well, with a good car and access to gasoline, he soon found himself in an enviable position. "During that time I came across Jacqueline Soubiran," he recalls. "She was really pretty." They married in Montreal in 1948.

The Pownings settled in Jacksonville, Florida where their daughter Anne and son Will were born. In those days, Powning was a carpet salesmen in Florida and Georgia, and then in San Francisco between 1953 – 1954.

Thereafter he was national sales manager of a hardware manufacturer and from 1957 – 1964 and general manager of Tai Ping Carpets (made in Hong Kong). During this time, Powning embarked on eight trips around the world, two of which were ten-week trips with Mrs. Powning.

When the job ended, Powning, a resident of Riverside, CT from 1955 until 1964, headed straight back to San Francisco, having loaded his wife, kids, and two dogs in his new convertible. He spent the next 15 years in the carpet business and another 15 years as a real estate broker with Pacific Union. He has been happily retired since 1997.

He was introduced to the Dolphin Club by the late great and life member Hector "All American" Stephen in 1968 and like most of us, quickly joined. His new-found feelings for the Dolphin Club are common, recalling "when I discovered the Dolphin Club, it hit me right between the eyes." He quickly started swimming five days a week, and by the end of the year completed his first Dolphin Club swim: the Golden Gate. Bill remembers the day well, with his wife and children on board the Red and White spectator boat, "It was one of those beautiful San Francisco Fall days—bright sunshine, no fog or wind—just blue sky and 70 degrees." Over the next thirty years he completed no fewer than 303 Dolphin Club swims.

Powning's first Golden Gate finish was typical (43 out of 46), a sure sign of things to come. He was no Olympic champion, but he did have staying power. "The record will show I was always a terrible swimmer, I never worked at it. I had a plodding, kinda sloppy stroke, but I seldom got tired, I just poked along," said Powning. During a Crissy Field Swim, "I stayed in the water for two hours and twenty minutes—there was no tide, and I had to come under the pier by the Sea Scouts."

As the years went by, Bill, who maintains a meticulous record of all the swims he participated in, very seldom missed a swim. He completed the first 23 Polar Bears, having only recently decided to call it quits.

When the issue of women joining the Club surfaced in 1976 and 1977, Bill was totally against it. "A one-hundred year old men's club!—who needs women?" thought Powning. But soon his tune would change, realizing the transformation women brought to the Club. Since the admittance of women, there are "all these marriages, better food, better parties—the women swimmers are magnificent, the ambiance, as far as I can see, is very happy—it is just a great thing."



Bill & Jacqueline Powning

For Bill, an interesting personal development arose from one particular woman gaining access to the Club: Mrs. Jacky Powning joined! "It was her idea to join the Club," remembers Bill. She joined the Club in 1977 and is one of two women who are the longest standing women members (Cindy Ehrlich is the other). "Why she joined, I never really grasped..." says Bill, who added "Mrs. Powning swims once or twice a year and has been known to go almost all the way between the Dolphin and South End Piers." Later, he proudly announces that in a few years Jacqueline will be an Old Timer! "I wouldn't be surprised if my grandson joined," he adds.

Their son, Will Powning also eventually joined the Club on his own in 1985. Having completed several Gate and Alcatraz crossings, he can only hope to equal his father's record. No doubt a greater portion of those hopes don't necessarily lie in the cold, salty water workouts year after year. It has to do with joy, as the elder Powning reflects on his life in the Club: "It's been a part of my life, a very happy part." ❁

Rowing in the Movies

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There were two film versions: the first was in 1932 with Gary Cooper and Helen Hayes. Directed by Frank Borzage, the film was nominated for four Oscars. The second was in 1957 with Rock Hudson and Jennifer Jones. Charles Vidor directed. I haven't seen the former and can't remember much of the latter. The row is epic, almost unbelievable, but the feats of such Dolphins as Ruben Hechanova and Ed de Cossio, Sr. have made me more willing to credit Hemingway.

Pursuit by Rowboat:

In John Ford's *The Prisoner of Shark Island*, (1936) Warner Baxter, convicted in the assassination of Lincoln, escapes from his Florida prison by swimming, pursued by sharks and by John Carradine in a rowboat. He outswims the sharks, but not Carradine.

Rowing in College:

Buster Keaton's film *College* (1926, directed by James W. Horne) is a classic. Buster is a wimp and only jocks get the girls, but he ends up as coxswain on the crew and leads them and himself to victory. Watch for what he does when the rudder breaks off of the boat.

Rowing from London to Oxford:

Jerome K. Jerome's *Three Men in a Boat* has a kind of distinctively English humor that I have a lot of trouble enjoying, but Peter Marchant told me it's one of his favorite books. It's been filmed twice but I haven't seen either version. The 1975 production was directed by Stephen Frears and starred Tim Curry and Michael Palin. Somebody please rent them both and tell me if the rowing sequences are interesting.

Rowing at Oxford:

Charles Dodgson (Lewis Carroll) was a rower, among other things. On Friday, July 4, 1862, Dodgson and a friend took the three daughters of Dean Henry Liddell, - Alice of *Looking Glass* fame was the middle one - for a row of about three miles up the Thames, and told them the story of how Alice fell down the rabbit hole. Dodgson liked to row in the bow, which is also the position I prefer. So I always think of the fourth of July as Alice Day. About ten years ago there was a film about Dodgson and Alice called *Dreamchild* (1985, directed by Gavin Millar), written by Dennis Potter, with masks designed by Jim Henson, starring Coral Browne as the aged Alice and Ian Holm as Dodgson. The rowing sequence is short but beautiful. Don't be misled, the film isn't really appropriate for children.

Rowing in Curraghs:

The distinctive Irish rowboat is shown in two beautiful films: Robert Flaherty's great documentary, *Man of Aran*,(1934) and John Sayles's *The Secret of Roan Inish*.(1993) The Sayles film is based on an Irish folksong played in the film. Almost everybody in the Club saw the film when it played in San Francisco. The rowing and swimming sequences are some of the most beautiful and almost mystical of any film I have seen. ❁

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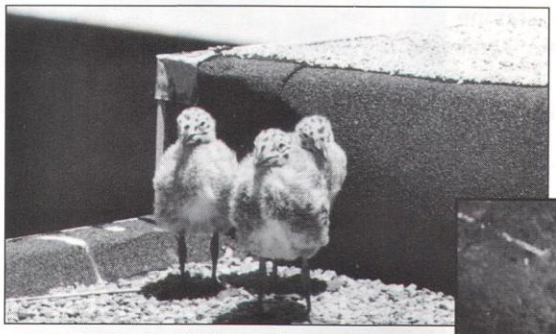
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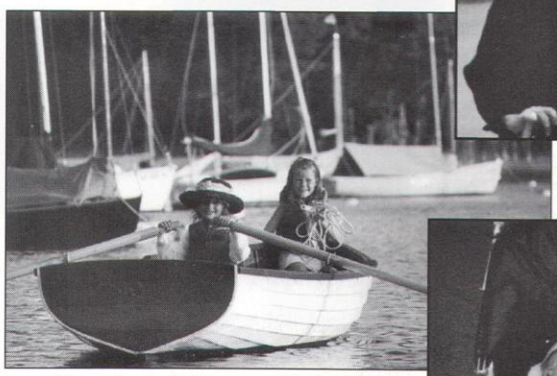
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Lou's chicks on the roof



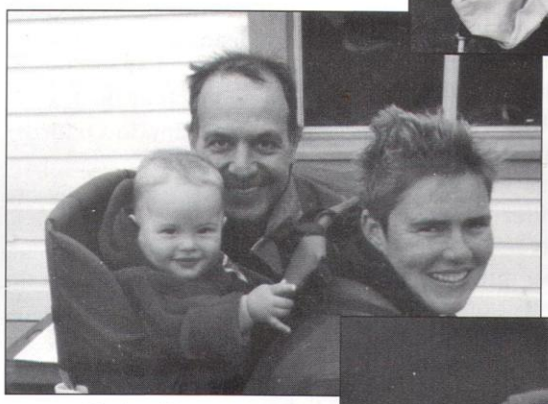
Dolphin Moms: Liz Anne Zirker Schiff and sister Kathy Zirker-Smith



Skye Davis & Shannon Heth row Skye's boat, built by her father, Tony Davis, on Cape Cod



Aviva and her new cousin Ian



Noah with parents David & Laura



L'il Max

Dolphin News

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The Dolphins' rise to rowing power began in September 1998, when three Dolphin shells cruised to first places in the South End-sponsored Bridge-to-Bridge Regatta. Gary Ehrsam took first place in the long course for Aero 21-foot shells (10.5 nautical miles); Peter Brand took first in the Aero short course (5.25 miles); and Michael Weissenberger and his son, Jan, took first in the Maas 29-foot double on the long course. During the Dolphin-South End Triathlon the next month, Brand again took first place in the shell class and, shortly thereafter, took another first in the Oakland Head of the Estuary race.

Brand's Oakland victory was particularly dramatic because the Estuary race, the region's largest, draws rowers from throughout Northern California. Brand not only prevailed in his class (age 50 and above), but also over the younger rowers in the open Aero class.

Come 1999, the Dolphins seemed to be the rowers to beat. Or so their competitors hoped. In July, in another Northern California race—the 6.5-mile Petaluma Regatta—Brand again took first place among the Aero rowers. The race's organizers normally divide finishers into age groups, as was done in the Oakland Estuary competition but there was no need to bother. Brand had won in all classes, beating one rower 10 years his junior. This September, Ehrsam bested the South Enders yet again, taking first place in the Aero class of the long course in their 1999 Bridge to Bridge Regatta.

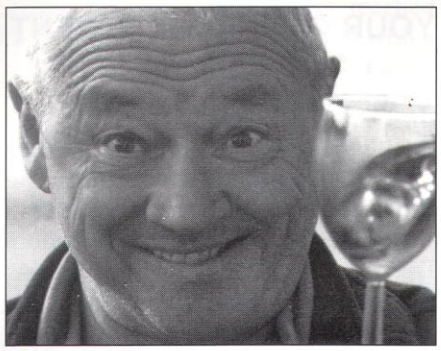
These victories may be even more significant than is suggested by a regional race. As some indication, two of the South End Club's top rowers—Diane Davis and Tom McInerny—when paired with two others in a quad, recently took a gold medal in a national master's championship in Georgia. (Unfortunately, a perfect Dolphin comparison isn't possible here, because McInerny generally rows in a different boat class than our Dolphins.)

A good share of the credit for the Dolphins' strong showings has to go to Ehrsam, who has almost single-handedly built up the shell rowing program at the Club. For decades, shell rowing has been a going concern for a small collection of loyalists who row out of the Club's boathouse on Lake Merced. Several years ago, however, after a generous commitment from the Board to buy several open water shells, Ehrsam built an intricate system to store and maintain four shells in the boathouse. He has also been managing the club's shell training program at the Lake and on the Bay, and he'll now have Brand's help with bay training. Their efforts, it seems, are paying off.

—Todd Oppenheimer



Pier to Pier "Hartnett Invitational" winner Mark Deadder



The genius behind the Hartnett Pier-to-Pier swim...

1999 ANNUAL PIER TO PIER SWIM

The year was 1999, and it was well into the year, just past summer, September 4 to be exact. The weather was brittle. There was a low fog hanging over the race course and the stout of heart were preparing to brave the unseasonably cold waters to commence the annual Hartnett Pier to Pier Swim. Fog horns were blaring somewhere off beyond Muni Pier and the seagulls were swooping in for remnants left over from the festivities that had gone on before. Many of the participants and supporters brought food and drink to make this event more lively than any of the previous ones. Sean was hard at work over the barbecue, and Deanne kept a steady supply of brew coming to him to keep his temperature up. Megan started the music and wanted to dance, and Mark Deadder was swatting the club's Don Juans away from Elizabeth. Dave was in hot pursuit of the rookie from Montana, Stephanie Cain, and Mary Beth kept a tight reign on Matt. Also present were Pat Howard and Sid Hollister. Bob Blum was celebrating his birthday which made the afternoon even more festive.

The race officials strolled down to the end of the Dolphin Pier in deep conversation. The crowd became silent and lined the beach and piers. Bob Blum was fingering his ball point pen, eager to begin logging the times on his clip board. Mark O'Hara was fidgeting with the stop watch and Al de la Peña was checking the little red whistle that he borrowed from Mark. It was time to go. Each participant swam alone, racing against the clock. This would be the last pier to pier swim of this century. Bob looked at Mark and gave him the ready signal, Mark studied Al and nodded, Al blew into his little red whistle and the race was underway. The first in the water was Neil Hartnett, swimming hard and puffing harder, not appearing to be up to equaling his old record of 18.5 seconds, probably because of one too many final - finals.

The top 10 swimmers were:

Mark Deadder	14.16
Matt Sheridan	16.70
Neil Hartnett	17.28
Bob Molke	17.70
Megan Sullivan	18.48
Bob Blum	19.30
George Robin	20.30
Nick Blum	20.64
Stephanie Cain	20.80
Pat Howard	24.90

Times are in seconds.

Thanks to everyone who participated, and we hope to see you again next August or September. This is Al de la Peña from the end of the Dolphin Club Pier waiting for the rest of the swimmers.

—Al de la Peña

SURFRIDERS TO MEET AT CLUB

The Dolphin Club has recently agreed to allow the San Francisco Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation to use the Club for monthly board meetings. Surfrider chairperson and Dolphin Club member Todd Walsh reports that Surfrider is "extremely pleased and happy that we can meet at the Dolphin Club. We'd been searching for a suitable meeting spot for months, when it dawned on me that the Club would be a perfect place for Surfrider to hold its monthly meetings!"

I think it's a perfect marriage, and I hope that the Dolphin Club might gain new members from Surfrider, and that Surfrider might gain new members from the Dolphin Club."

The Surfrider Foundation is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans, waves and beaches through conservation, activism, research and education.

The local San Francisco chapter conducts monthly beach cleanups and is currently involved with erosion issues at Ocean Beach. The chapter also sponsors an annual paddle-out on the Bay to raise awareness for the importance of clean water in our Bay and Ocean. To find out more about the San Francisco chapter, visit the web site at, *www.sfsurfrider.org*, or feel free to contact Dolphin Club member Todd Walsh at the Club, or by email, toddw@tivo.com.

IRISH SPRINT & STRIDE 2000

Dolphins (and Marines) Don Reid, Patrick Brent and Chuck Vogt are organizing the 2000 Irish Sprint and Stride. There will be two courses, one for sprinters at 4.5 miles, the other for striders at 4 miles. The race will be held at Lake Merced on Saturday, March 11, 2000. This is the 21st year the race has been held. Proceeds from race entries will go to Toys for Tots and the summer youth programs of the Devil Pups. Dolphin/South End Runners founder Walt Stack was a past participant, as was colorful member Buck Swannack. Adopt some Irish spirit and help two worthy causes at the same time. For more information, call 415-905-0647 or check out the web site at www.irishsprint.com.



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YOUR GENEROSITY WENT A LONG WAY

49 1/2 Miles to be Exact!

It wouldn't be summer in The City without Dolphins supporting one another at an oyster-feed fundraiser—and this summer was no exception. This note is for our fellow Dolphins who gave their time, energy and financial support to planning and staging an event that helped us circle Manhattan and cross the English Channel. We extend a heartfelt "thank-you" to everyone involved—your generosity and good wishes went a long way (49 1/2 miles between the two of us!).

Thanks to your donations, we could pad our coffers and, more importantly, concentrate exclusively on our training. It's hard to describe how much it helps to have the financial burden lightened when there's so much more on our minds before a big swim. Again, thank you.

Finally, a special thank you to those who had a hand in buying those incredible Dolphin Club parkas. Not only do they look beautiful (an entire wardrobe should be so stylish!), they're toasty. Bring on the winter weather!

We hope you had a terrific time at the fundraiser and filled up on Mimi's scrumptious food. We certainly look forward to returning the favor at future events.

— Becky Fenson & Heather Royer

YOGA CONTINUES AT THE DC

All levels of Yoga experience are welcomed, including beginners.

The Wednesday morning times remain the same::

7:00 – 8:15 a.m.
8:40 – 10:00 a.m.

The Friday morning class has changed to:

7:30 –8:45 a.m.

Classes are held in the handball court. The cost per class is $11.00 or $10.00 per class at the class series rate. The instructor, Pamela Carrara of the San Francisco Yoga School, is a yoga, fitness and dance professional and practitioner, who has been teaching in the Bay Area for 25 years. Yoga creates a healthy, strong, flexible vibrant body and a calmer, clearer, more focused and confident state of well-being, and it compliments all physical activities. Please wear warm, loose or non-restraining clothes. Bare feet, an empty stomach and a beginner's mind are preferable and conducive. For more information, call Pamela at 415-831-7847.

FROM THE EDITORS

A Special Thanks goes to the *Log*'s new graphic designer Story Rafter for helping make this issue happen. We are delighted to have her on our team. The deadline for submissions for the Winter issue of the *Dolphin Log* is January 1, 2000. Please leave your materials in our box in the Staib Room, mail it to the Dolphin Club care of the editors, email it to *sheridan@sfo.com* or approach us in person.

Swim Commissioner's Report

by Pete Bianucci and Anthony DuComb

Golden Gate Swim Caps Summer Season

FAST TIMES FOR ALL

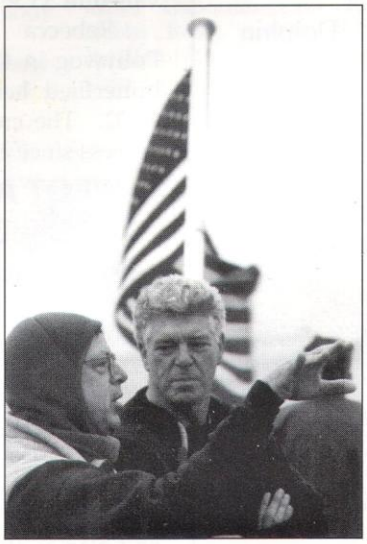
The weekend of September 18th and 19th dawned overcast and raw for the 82nd Annual Golden Gate Swim. But the gray weather could not dull the sunny spirits of those who came out for the 6:00 a.m. sign-ins. Now named in honor of the Dolphin Club's most experienced Gate swimmer, Joe Bruno, 79 swimmers successfully navigated their way from Fort Point to Lime Rock on Saturday and Sunday. With a new ladder mechanism in place on the Blue and Gold Line ferry and an excellent captain at the helm, all swimmers and pilots were whisked from the water in record time. On the Fast Day Swim of the 18th, John Selmer grabbed the first stick with a time of 20:32. Tom Keller, the First Pollywog, was seconds behind at 20:58. The spirit of Frank "Cecco" Menucci was present on both days, as swimmers who imbibed the healing, warming brandy on board the ferry after the swim will testify. At the awards ceremony, Nick Blum presented John with a personally created plate depicting a Golden Gate Bridge scene. Nick explained in a follow up interview that he designed the pattern, hand glazed the plate, and then had it fired on Union Street.



The de Cossio Family—carrying on a Dolphin tradition

The Club hosted young swimmers from the City's Garfield Pool, along with their coaches and families on the Slow Day, Sunday the 19th.

Sponsored by the Dolphin Club Fund handled by Joe Cowan, these future open water athletes have named their team the Garfield Dolphins. Motivated by the presence of his swimmers on the boat, Coach Gregg Hicks reached Lime Rock first with a time of 26:20. Gregg was also the first city employee for both days. Assisted by favorable currents that grew stronger on Sunday, many other Dolphins joyfully claimed their own personal best times.



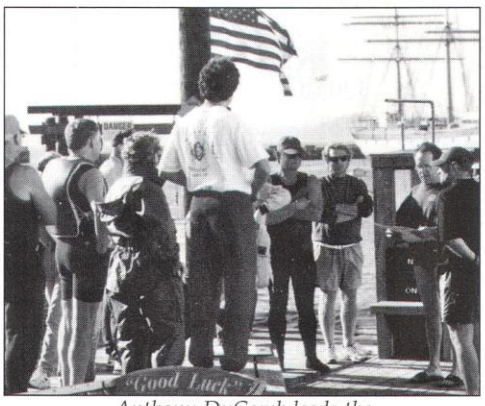
Strategizing before the Gate

The success and safety of the swim program rests on three legs: swimmers, pilots and helpers. In an unprecedented display of support, most swimmers volunteered on their off day, and numerous non-swimmers assisted on both days. Thus, the two Golden Gate Swims fielded as many pilots as swimmers, with some 80 individuals out in crafts over the two-day event. Not to be outdone, another 50 or so folks volunteered as helpers. Everyone was especially thankful to Sue Garfield, who doubled the donut order. In the only failure of the weekend, swimmers, pilots and friends could not consume all of the pastry and left a sugar-loaded surprise for the Monday morning swimmers.

OTHER SUMMER SWIMS

Two scheduled swims were restricted to mature and chronologically gifted members. At the Over 45 Gas House Cove Swim on August 28th, John Selmer prevailed in a field of 42 with a smashing time of 16:06. Two weeks later the Over 60 Cove Swim saw a field of 28 swimmers in three events. Dan Osborne was first in the 3/4 mile swim with a time of 17:13; Bob Danielson won the 1/2 mile swim with a time of 14:57; and Pat Clancey finished at the top of the 1/4 mile swim in 13:44.

The summer months encompassed many other swims and a couple of successful BBQs run by Lorna Newlin.



Anthony DuComb leads the Pier 43 1/2 pilot briefing

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Privately Owned Water Craft Stored at the Dolphin Club

KAYAKS, SHELLS, ROWBOATS, BOARDS, MOTORBOATS, ETC.

The following are the basic rules and guidelines

When in doubt, ask the Boat House Captain, Rowing Commissioner, or any Board Officer

- Private craft kept at the Dolphin Club must be registered with the Boat House Captain.
- Private craft are kept at the Dolphin Club by members at their own risk;
 (The Dolphin Club is not liable for damage to, or theft of, your craft.)
- Private craft kept at the Dolphin Club are available for use by any qualified member.
- Members are qualified when they have successfully completed the Dolphin Club training program specific to the craft; for example:

 Motor Craft: Operators require successful completion of Dolphin Club motorcraft instruction.
 Kayak: Users require successful completion of Dolphin Club kayak instruction.
 Shell: Users require successful completion of Dolphin Club shell instruction (at Lake Merced).

- Qualification programs are under the direction of the Boat House Captain.
- Non-Dolphin Club members are not allowed to use privately owned craft out of the Dolphin Club facilities.
- Private craft kept at the Dolphin Club cannot be used to pilot non-Dolphin events from the Dolphin Club.
- All craft must be signed out in the log book located in the Boat House.
- Users must adhere to all City, State, Federal and Dolphin Club safety regulations (i.e. personal floatation devices, etc.).
- Users of privately owned craft are responsible for damage they cause to craft.

Swim Commisioner's Report

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Besides the Twilight Cove, Pier 39, Pier 43 1/2, Lake Tahoe Relay, Twilight Gas House Cove, and Santa Cruz Pier swims, the most memorable event for a hardy handful was the Fort Point Swim, won by Tom Keller. The currents were unfavorable in the extreme, causing many swimmers to post their personal worst times. Most, however, were nevertheless thankful even to finish. From a more positive perspective, many of these same swimmers could also claim personal time-in-the-water records. Others decided that swimming in place in front of the Coast Guard Station was not the most intelligent way to spend a Sunday morning, and took a ride back to the Cove.

THE 39th ANNUAL ALCATRAZ SWIM

The Autumn swim season was initiated on October 3rd with the 39th Annual Alcatraz Swim. While the pod was somewhat smaller than in the past few years, the 47 swimmers were no less enthusiastic. Laura Burtch was caught on the beach with her goggles not yet in place when the horn from the Red and White blew. She still prevailed in 35:36.

Rebecca Tilley was the First Pollywog in 42:24, and Becky Fenson butterflied her way to the beach in 40:02. The crossing was a particular success since everyone finished.

PILOT APPRECIATION DINNER

The impressive turnout of pilots and helpers for the Golden Gate Swim was reflective of what appears to be a growing surge in voluntarism for the swim program. What better way to celebrate commitment to the program than to attend the Annual Swim and Pilot Appreciation Dinner on November 13th. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Remember to give to the Dolphin Club Building Fund

DOLPHIN SWIM STATISTICS

July 11, 1999 - October 3, 1999

FORT POINT
JULY 11,1999

BUS RIDE: Convoluted
JUMP OFF: 8:00 a.m. or so
WATER TEMP: 60 degrees
CURRENT: Hard to Find
OVERALL DAY: Another magnificent one

1. Tom Keller 1:11:15
2. Scott Haskins 1:14:12
3. Laura Burtch 1:17:13
4. Duke Dahlin 1:20:23
5. Heidi Schriefer 1:20:39
6. Steve Schatz 1:29:40
7. Laura Merkl 1:30:57
8. Jon Nakamura 1:33:32
9. John Pelka 1:35:32
10. Chris Kelly 1:37:22
11. Suzie Dods 1:43:02
12. Rebecca Tilley 1:55:49
13. Jeff Derin 1:56:41
14. Lorna Newlin 1:58:17
15. C. vonBlankenburg .1:59:11
16. George Robin 2:01:03
17. David Rich 2:04:04
18. Janice Kelly 2:07:45
19. Pete Neubauer 2:09:30
20. Peter McLaughlin 2:09:30
21. Greg Hicks 2:19:18
22. Phillip Scarborough .2:20:32
23. Rey Hassan 2:35:55
24. Anthony DuComb 2:40:01

DNF: Signe Curtis, George Gara, Mark McKee, and Sunny McKee.



Heading out to the Gate swim

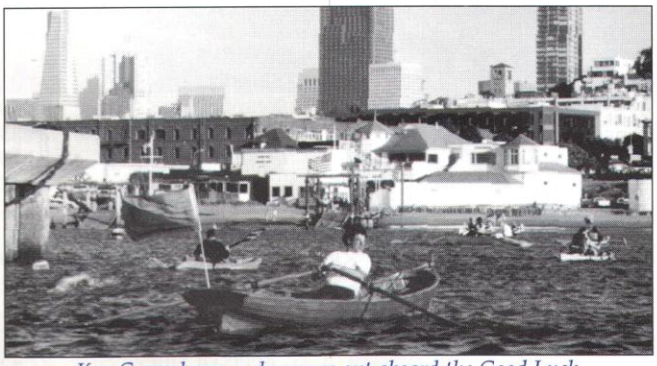
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Helpers: Susan Allen, Pete Bianucci, Susan Cobb (with Becky and Brittney Cobb), Anthony DuComb, George Gara, Chris Kelly, Janice Kelly, Mark McKee, Sunny Mckee, Pete Neubauer, Mark O'Hara, Todd Oppenheimer, Era Osibe, Mimi Osborne, Don Reid, Debby Rose, Heather Royer, Rebecca Tilley, Elmer Tosta, and Greg Travers.

PIER 39
JULY 4, 1999

JUMP OFF: 7:30 a.m.
WATER TEMP: Getting warmer
OVERALL DAY: Magnificent

1. Becky Fenson 20:03
2. Scott Haskins 21:06
3. Heather Royer 21:07
4. Laura Burtch 22:33
5. Chris Kelly 23:04
6. John Pelka 23:28
7. Suzie Dods 24:12
8. Paul Wolf 24:20
9. Dave Rich 24:21
10. Peter Drino 24:41
11. Peter Darlington 24:46
12. Dan Osborne 25:25
13. Greg Hicks 25:32
14. Phillip Scarborough . .25:42

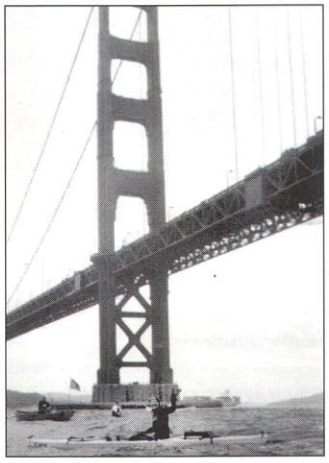


Ken Coren keeps a sharp eye out aboard the Good Luck

15. Pete Neubauer 26:20
16. Mark O'Hara 26:21
17. Neal Powers 26:32
18. Kate Coleman 26:51
19. Eric Shackleford 26:52
20. Theresa Owen 27:07
21. Larry Parente 27:11
22. Megan Sullivan 27:25
23. Bob Blum 28:00
24. Janice Kelly 28:16
25. Bonnie Winn 28:17
26. Lorna Newlin 28:31
27. Jackie Merovich 29:19
28. Signe Curtis 29:40
29. Ben Owen 29:43
30. Stephanie Cain 30:10
31. Lee Hammack 30:33
32. John Hornor 30:44
33. Celia Minalga 31:12
34. Nancy Hornor 31:15
35. George Gara 31:28
36. Jerry Cullen 31:35
37. Tom Dugan 31:35
38. Ken Coren 31:45
39. Larry Wisch 31:54
40. Susan Lauritzen 32:34
41. Roger Kleid 32:41
42. Dennis William 33:51
43. Gail Grynbaum 34:00
44. M. Cantini-Norkin . . .34:05
45. Debby Rose 35:08
46. Chuck Vogt 35:12
47. Pavla Podolska 42:25
48. Flanagan No time

Pilots: Susan Allen, Ray Artigues, Pete Bianucci, Peter Brand, Lindsay Casablanca, Andy Camous, Rich Cooper, Ann Crutcher, Bob Danielson, Al de la Peña, Rudy DeMay, Gary Ehrsam, Nancy Friedman, Rob Forbes, Roger Hansen, Don Harrison, Tom Hoffman, Krist Jake, Margaret Keenan, Phil Kohlenberg, Mickey Lavelle, Kathy McKinley, Dolores Meehan, Mark Mullen, Will Powning, George Robin, Larry Scroggins, John Selmer, Nick Simpson, and John Theede.

Helpers: Pete Bianucci, Nichols Blum, Suzie Dods, Anthony DuComb, George Gara, Gail Grynbaum, Greg Hicks, Chris Kelly, Janis Kelly, Jackie Merovich, Dan Osborne, Mimi Osborne, Era Osibe, Pavla Podolska, Debby Rose, John Theede, Greg Travers, Bonnie Winn, Larry Wisch, and Dave Zovickian.



Anh Crutcher pilots west of Fort Point

SANTA CRUZ PIER
July 31, 1999

Jack Bettencourt
Pete Bianucci
Karen Boyer
Alan Budenz
Laura Burtch
Barry Christian
Susan Cobb
Kate Coleman
Bob Colyar
Ken Coren
Rudy DeMay
Anthony DuComb

Tom Dugan
Bob Fewster
Nancy Friedman
Suzanne Heim-Bowen
Tom Hofmann
Glynn Jones
Tom Keller
Sean Kelley
Jennifer Lamers
Susan Lauritzen
Sandy Lehmkuhl
Dolores Meehan
Eric Mellinger
Laura Merkl
Pete Neubauer
Lorna Newlin
Steve North
Ben Owen
Theresa Owen
Neil Powers
Gina Rus
Mary Sancimino
Diane Sosnoski
Rebecca Tilley
Elmer Tosta
Todd Walsh
Dave Zovickian

LAKE TAHOE
JULY 17, 1999

Alan Budenz
Laura Burtch
Barbara Byrnes
Duke Dahlin
Jeff Deren
Joe Ferrero
Tom Hofmann
Cathy Huang
Vince Huang
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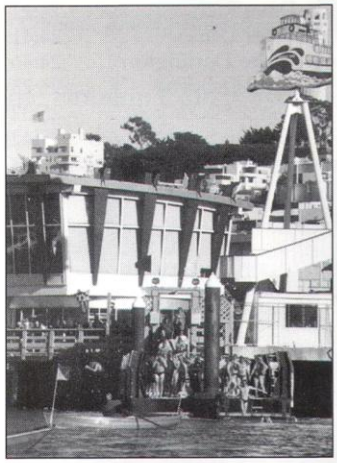
OVER 60 COVE
SEPTEMBER 12, 1999

JUMP OFF: 10:00 a.m.
CURRENT: Strong flood
OVERALL: Bang-up event

3/4 Mile Course

1. Dan Osborne 17:13
2. Rich Antonchuk 18:18
3. Rich Cooper 18:57
4. Bob Fewster 19:51
5. Jerry Cullen 22:38
6. Glynn Jones 22:45
7. Jack Bettencourt 22:59
8. Jim Grant 23:34
9. Dan McGill 24:16
10. Sandra Lehmkuhl 24:31
11. Jack Fleming 25:10
12. Noel Frelicot 27:45
13. Keith Weaver 28:32
14. Ray Artigues 29:04

Donate to the Dolphin Club Fund



We will start without you!

15. Mimi Osborne 29:14
16. Don Reid 30:06
17. Rudy DeMay 30:37
18. Steve North 33:17

1/2 Mile Course

1. Bob Danielson 14:57
2. Bob Hoff 23:08
3. Mineko Gallic 24:31
4. Hugo Buchholz 26:16

1/4 Mile Course

1. Pat Clancey 13:44
2. Lou Marcelli 14:36
3. Walt Schneebeli 15:11
4. Bob McKenzie 18:10
5. Bill Powning 18:10
6. Mariuccia Iaccone 18:34

Pilots: Andy Camous, Barry Christian, Ken Coren, Peter Darlington, Jim Fagan, Larry Scroggins, Matt Sheridan, Megan Sullivan, Conrad von Blankenburg, and Eric von Blankenburg.

Helpers: Bob Blum, Nick Blum, Pete Bianucci, Anthony DuComb, Jim Grant, Scott Haskins, Vince Huang, Krist Jake, Sean Kelly, Roger Kleid, Peter McLaughlin, Laura Merkel, Lorna Newlin, Steve North, Dan Osborne, and Rebecca Tilley.

JOE BRUNO GOLDEN GATE 82nd ANNUAL

FAST DAY
SEPTEMBER 18, 1999

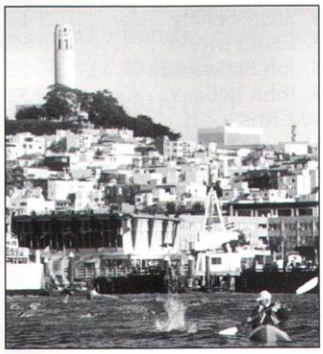
JUMP OFF: 8:00 a.m.
CURRENTS: Mild, Cooperative
OVER ALL : Raw air, but generally flat water

1. John Selmer 20:32
2. Tom Keller 20:58
 (First Pollywog)
3. Heather Royer 21:28
4. Scott Haskins 21:55
5. Laura Burtch 23:15
6. Heidi Schriefer 23:37
7. Chris Kelly 23:50
8. Jeff Deren 23:51
9. George Kebbe 23:55
10. Si Bunting 24:02
11. John Pelka 24:08
12. Duke Dahlin 24:33
13. Alan Budenz 25:15
14. Phil Rollins 25:42
15. Peter McLaughlin 25:54
16. Laura Merkl 26:04
17. Eric vonBlankenburg .27:00
18. Vince Huang 27:22
19. Larry Scroggins 27:34
20. Barbara Byrnes 27:42
21. Rebecca Tilley 27:45
22. Dan Osborne 27:52
23. Mickey Lavelle 28:19
24. C. Blankenburg 28:46
25. Megan Sullivan 29:43
26. Robert Fewster 29:46
27. Bob Blum 29:54
28. Joe Illick 30:04
29. Pete Neubauer 31:10
30. Gina Rus 31:15
31. Mark OHara 31:27
32. Krist Jake 31:40
33. Eric Shackelford 31:48
34. Debbie Bisbo 32:12
35. Todd Oppenheimer .32:28
36. Peter Darlington 32:32
37. Janice Kelly 33:37
38. Pam Stillwagon 33:42
39. Ben Owen 34:33
40. George Robin 35:00
41. Duane Flanigan 35:10

Pilots: Susan Allen, Ray Artigues, Tom Callinan, Andy Camous, Mary Cantini-Norkin, Barry Christian, Rich Cooper, Ken Coren, Steve Counselman, Joe Cowan, Anh Crutcher, Bob Danielson, Norm Duffett, Gary Ehrsam, Jim Fagan, Keith Foxe, Colin Gift, Margaret Keenan, Phil Kohlenberg, Don Harrison, Reuben Hechonova, Steve Lathram, Susan Lauritzen, Ned Hoffman, Tom Hofmann, Ray Mac Pherson, George Robin, Dolores Meehan, Jackie Merovich, Tom Paper, Emily Roth, Joe Schatz, Matt Sheridan, Noel Turner, Don Harrison, Keith Weaver, Larry Wisch, and Dave Zovickian.

Helpers: Pete Bianucci, Nick Blum, Lindsay Casablanca, Francesca Cervantes, John Davies, Anthony DuComb, Duane Flanigan, Sue Garfield, Lee Hammack, Phil Kohlenberg, Lou Marcelli, Peter McLaughlin, Lorna Newlin, Mimi Osborne, Pavla Podolska, Debby Rose, Rebecca Tilley, and Bonnie Winn.

Test Swim Folks: Tom Callinan, Al de la Peña, Colin Gift, George Robin, Pam Stillwagon, and Dave Zovickian.



Don Harrison pilots lead swimmer

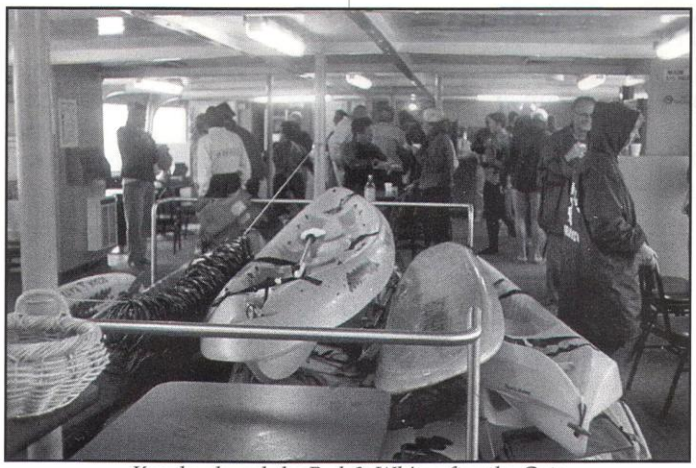
JOE BRUNO GOLDEN GATE 82nd ANNUAL

SLOW DAY
SEPTEMBER 19, 1999

JUMP OFF: 9:00 a.m.
CURRENTS: Extremely cooperative
OVER20ALL: Raw air, but excellent water

1. Gregg Hicks 26:20
 (First City Employee)
2. Mark McKee 27:32
3. Sunny McKee 28:11
4. Kate Coleman 28:52
5. Bonnie Winn 28:57
6. Neal Powers 29:20
7. Jackie Merovich 29:26
8. Lorna Newlin 29:49
9. Norm Duffett 29:54
10. George Gara 30:03
11. Steve Counselman ..30:10
12. Susan Cobb 30:16
13. Barry Christian 30:20
14. Ken Coren 30:31
15. Nancy Hornor 30:56
16. Sue Garfield 31:17
17. Lee Hammack 31:20
18. Jerry Cullen 31:22
19. Roger Kleid 31:25

20.Larry Wisch 32:08
21.Noel Turner 32:16
22.John Hornor 32:29
23.Ray Hassam 32:35



Kayaks aboard the Red & White after the Gate

24.Conrad Liberty 32:36
25.Dan Weinstein 33:18
26.Anthony DuComb ... 33:25
27.Dolores Meehan 33:25
28.Sid Hollister 34:54
29.Susan Lauritzen 34:56
30.Gail Grynbaum 35:11
31.Steve Lathram 35:12
32.Dennis Williams 36:10
33.Mary Cantini-Norkin 36:36
34.Will Powning 38:23
35.Debby Rose 38:29
36.John Theede 43:08
37.Steve North 44:08
38.Pavla Podolska 50:00

DNF: Don Reid

Pilot: Ray Artigues, Anh Crutcher, Bob Blum, David Broadbear, Alan Budenz, Barbara Burns, Peter Butler, Andy Camous, Duke Dahlin, Peter Darlington, Jeff Deren, Al de la Peña, Gary Ehrsam, Jim Fagan, Becky Fenson, Bob Fewster, Keith Foxe, Colin Gift, George Kebbe, Margaret Keenan, Phil Kohlenberg , Todd Oppenheimer, Dan Osborne, John Pelka, Phil Rollins, Emily Roth, Heidi Schriefer, John Selmer, Grant Springer, Conrad vonBlankenburg, Eric vonBlankenburg, Martin Zeleznik, and Dave Zovickian.

Helpers: Susan Allen, Pete Bianucci, Nick Blum, Lindsay Casablanca, John Davies, Rudy deMay, Anthony DuComb, Sue Garfield, Scott Haskins, Mary Frances Hart, Vince Huang, Phil Kohlenberg, Lou Marcelli, Laura Merkl, Pete Neubauer, Dan Osborne, Mimi Osborne, Pavla Podolska, Larry Scroggins, Tina Scott, Megan Sullivan, and Rebecca Tilley.

39th ANNUAL ALCATRAZ

OCTOBER 3, 1999

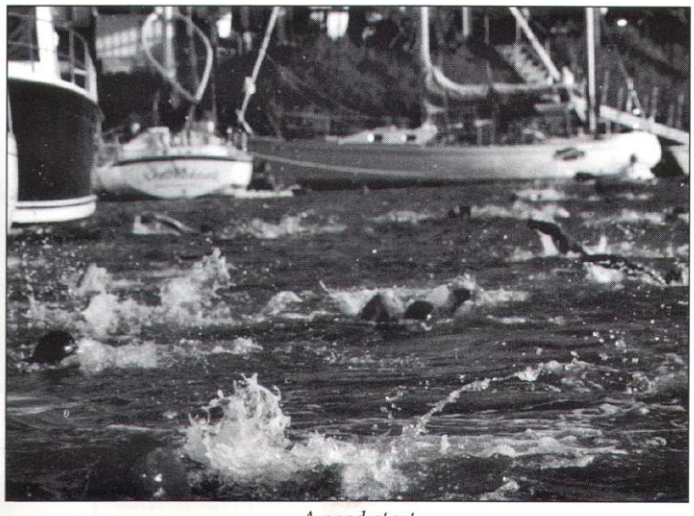
JUMP OFF: 8:40 a.m.
WATER TEMP: 60 Degrees

1. Laura Burtch 35:36
2. Jeff Deren 37:43
3. John Pelka 38:04
4. George Kebbe 38:11
5. David Rich 38:53
6. Becky Fenson 40:02 (Butterfly Only)
7. Todd Oppenheimer ... 41:34
8. Peter McLaughlin 42:20
9. Tom Hofman 42:21
10. Rebecca Tilley 42:24 (First Pollywog)
11. Vince Huang 42:24
12. Larry Scroggins 43:03
13. Megan Sullivan 43:19
14. Gregg Hicks 43:32
15. C. von Blankenburg 44:09
16. Bob Blum 44:27
17. Erik Burke 44:33
18. Joe Illick 45:44
19. Bob Fewster 45:56
20. Peter Neubauer 45:57
21. Eric Shackelford 45:58
22. Kate Coleman 46:08
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24. Neal Powers 47:17
25. Joe Ferrero 47:59
26. Duane Flanigan 49:14
27. Pam Stillwagon 49:27
28. Susan Cobb 51:06
29. Noel Turner 51:54
30. George Gara 52:04
31. Lee Hammack 52:40
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34. Jerry Cullen 53:11
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36. Susan Lauritzen 53:26
37. Steve Lathram 53:26



38. Ken Coren 53:30
39. Steve Counselman ... 55:24
40. Roger Kleid 56:47
41. Tom Dugan 57:35
42. Rey Hassam 58:13
43. Jim Grant 1:03:06
44. Larry Wisch 1:06:12
45. Will Powning 1:07:48
46. Dennis Williams ... 1:10:00
47. Debby Rose 1:42:46

Pilots: Susan Allen, Judy Appel, Ray Artigues, Eduardo Barranco, Pete Bianucci, Carol Block, Jerry Block, Gary Bushnell, Stephanie Cain, Andy Camous, Mary Cantini-Norkin, Barry Christian, Anh Crutcher, Duke Dahlin, Bob Danielson, Peter Darlington, John Davies, John Davis, Ed DeCossio, Al de la Peña, Mag Donaldson, Gary Ehrsam, Jim Fagan, Keith Foxe, Colin Gift, Paul Gisler, Roger Hansen, Don Harrison, Deborah Henning, John Hornor, Margaret Keenan, Hugo Kenyon, Phil Kohlenberg, Pat McGarvey, Kathy McKinley, Celeste McMullin, Dolores Meehan, Jackie Merovich, Jon Nakamura, Dan Osborne, Emily Roth, Heidi Schriefer, Gabe Scurlock, John Selmer, Monica Towers, , Helpers, , Pete Bianucci, Nick Blum, Lindsay Casablanca, Francesca Cadelago, Beth Ann Cobb, Brittney Cobb, Steve Cobb, Kate Coleman, Suzie Dods, Duke Dahlin, Anthony DuComb, Sue Garfield, Jake Greenwood, Pat Howard, Lorna Newlin, Ira Osibe, Dan Osborne, Mimi Osborne, Don Reid, Debby Rose, Rebecca Tilley, and Dave Zovickian.



A good start

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO

SWAM, PILOTED & HELPED

Swimmin' Holes

by Nicholas Blum & Martin Zeleznik

Paradise Across the Pacific

In this issue, we have two stories, both from Pacific Islands:

MAUI SWIM SPOTS

By Nicholas Blum

On our recent trip to Maui I discovered Palauea Beach (also known as Secret Beach in South Maui). It is a cozy beach right next to Po'olenalena Beach. The snorkeling is not great, but the swimming is a treat. It is one of the best beaches on Maui! It is private and quiet and nice to just lie down and relax.

To get to Secret Beach, just follow these simple directions:

Take Makena Road south past the Wailea Surf condos, follow the public beach access signs to Po'olenalena Beach. Park and take your coolers to your right around the rocky point. Once you are on the beach go to the far side and take a right to a big shady tree where you can put your coolers down and take a nice relaxing swim on Secret Beach!

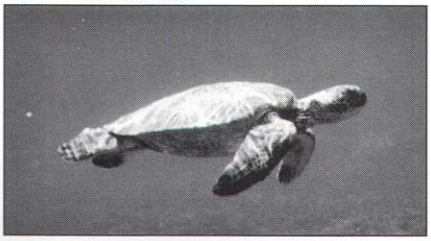
Nicholas is the swimmin' son of Megan and Bob.

PARADISE LOST AND FOUND

by Martin Zeleznik

It was not easy to say good-bye to the Dolphin Club but I couldn't pass up the opportunity to realize my dream of living and traveling on tropical islands. Before I knew it, in 1994, I was calling the US territory of the Mariana Islands home.

Over the last several years, as I stomped around the jungle for work and play in the islands of Micronesia, I came upon helmets, unexploded artillery shells, grenades, and other reminders of war. In fact, one of the most popular swimming holes on the island of Saipan is around tanks that did not quite make the beach during the invasion. In Aquatic Park, there are buoys, in the Saipan lagoon, there are armored vehicles.



Saipan is not my recommended island as a final destination, but it is a good launching point to other idyllic locations in Micronesia. They still have island chiefs and traditional customs on these remote islands. For example, I will never forget getting off a small eight-passenger missionary plane on the nearby outer islands of Yap. I almost had a heart attack seeing a large group of bare-breasted island high school girls running toward the plane. When I mentioned this airport tale to Lou Marcelli, he asked me "Why did you ever leave the island?"

Maybe the world's strangest swimming hole is on Palau. It is called Jellyfish Lake. Geological forces lifted this lake in the middle of the small island. Over time, the natural predators of the jellyfish died off and there are now millions of jellyfish there. Since there are no predators, the jellyfish do not sting. It was a very strange experience to swim and snorkel there when every inch of your body had hundreds of jellyfish of all sizes pushing up against you. You are discouraged from swimming too fast in the lake as you will kill a lot of the critters. Ironically, the hike to this unique lake has poisonous trees along the hill that you have to be careful not to touch.

But my favorite tropical island swimming holes were on the uninhabited island of Pagan. Long desolate stretches of empty black sand beaches, private swimming lagoons, and endless supplies of coconuts, bananas, mangos, and papayas can be found in this paradise. Could anyone perma-

Rowing Clubs — Near and Far



Tom Gould at the Padstow Rowing Club in Cornwall, England

Editor's Note: Dolphins are encouraged to send us stories, pictures and locations of rowing clubs around the world

nently live on this island? You just need to figure out a way to keep the volcano god happy, as an eruption is why the last inhabitants were forced to evacuate in the early 1980's.

I will admit that I have dismal swimming skills, but I managed to finish my first Polar Bear shortly before arriving on Saipan. That made for quite an adjustment, but the water



temperature of 82 F degrees actually got pretty comfortable over time. In the winter, you end up complaining when the water temperature drops to 78 F! Even wreck diving at 200 feet in Truk Lagoon, the water temperature was in the upper 70's.

I leave you Dolphin Club swimmers with this idea. The channel between the islands of Saipan and Tinian is about three miles wide. I asked the locals if anyone ever swam the channel? They said one guy tried, but they didn't think he made it. When I asked if any woman ever made it, they laughed and said, "Definitely not!"

Saipan is located south of Japan, east of the Philippines, close to Guam. It is a popular Japanese and Korean tourist destination and I am sure that some international competition could be developed for a Saipan/Tinian channel challenge.

Remembering these tropical paradises, I sometimes think of my good fortune visiting places that people pay a lot of money to see. Then, I come down to the Dolphin Club—our own utopia—and see all the tourists who pay to visit the paradise we experience every day.

Remember to send in your stories about the best swimmin' holes in the world to George Robin, Dolphin Log, Dolphin Club, 502 Jefferson Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Swimming and Kayaking in Paradise

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my wife tried, and the same thing happened to her. Each time we did this, we had to fight to get the kayak back upright. The water was warm by our standards, so we weren't too worried about the temperature, and we had our life jackets on. I finally got up into the boat and got seated properly on the next try.

I didn't think that my wife could get in with me without tipping the boat over again, so she hung on to the front of the boat, and I paddled from the back. It was tough going. I paddled for a long time toward a narrow stretch of beach on the shore. Then about half way in, the boat tipped over again. We decided that we should swim back in and drag the boat with us. My wife and I took turns pulling it, and then when we got closer to the shore, we both hung onto the boat and pulled it in. We were both glad that we had the swimming stamina to do this.

The land we were headed for was very small, and there were rocks on either side. Waves were crashing onto the rocks with enormous force. I was thinking about two potential problems: the jellyfish, which were rumored to hang out close to the beach, and the rip tides, which can take you sideways in the water and could smash us into the rocks. A good friend of mine had died several years ago after being crashed into the rocks while swimming in the Cabo area. I figured it was best to hang on to the boat, if only to give us more of a chance of not getting pulled by the tides.

We got the boat into the beach, but couldn't pull it up its steep slope. It was all we could do to keep it from being sucked out into the water by the undertow. I was hoping that once on the beach, we could upright the boat, launch it again and then paddle back to the rental shop. But we couldn't even budge the thing. I removed one of the plugs from the boat, and found out that the boat was full of water. There was a crack on the top side of the boat that let in water slowly The boat had slowly been sinking all the time we had it out. We still were struggling with how to turn it over to dump out the water, when a man showed up in a power launch looking for us from the rental shop. They wanted to close up shop for the day. He anchored the launch, came into shore in a kayak, and we all tried to turn the boat over to empty it, but still couldn't. He found another small drain plug to pull on the stern. Slowly the water drained out and we were able to get it temporarily seaworthy again.

We swam out to the power launch, and he brought his own kayak and the damaged one back, put them on board, and then gave us a ride back to our starting point.

It was a frightening experience, but one that I felt sure we could deal with when it was happening, because of our familiarity with the ocean. We are very glad to be swimming and kayaking again at the Dolphin Club, where the water is colder, where there are no stinging jellyfish, no hapless pharmacists, and where the boats don't slowly fill with water and sink.

But my wife and I learned a lot about what each of us means to the other. We wanted to have an anniversary celebration that would help cement our bonds. Jellyfish attacks, sinking boats in the Pacific Ocean...we feel very bonded to each other now. I wouldn't have missed it for the world.❁

John Theede is married to member Gail Grynbaum, who wrote a story about a Gate swim in a previous issue.

Yoga Classes in the Handball Courts

Wednesdays:
7:00 – 8:15 a.m.
& 8:40 – 10:00 a.m.

Fridays:
7:30 –8:45 a.m.

by Sid Hollister

You Swim in the Bay? Are You Nuts?

We've all had the experience. You're enjoying yourself with some friends when one remarks how healthy you look. It's because I swim in the Bay, you reply, "You, swim in the Bay?" comes the disbelieving response, "Are you nuts?"

Some parry such questions with ease—perhaps a benefit of often explaining why they'd rather nibble bits of raw fish rolled up in sticky rice than devour a juicy steak. Others, however, are nonplused, which is about as uncomfortable as being caught in a South End bathing suit. Since having a few arrows in the quiver of retorts gives us all more confidence in such situations, we provide here a selection of scintillating answers:

For those favoring the psychological approach, one effective response is simply to say: The cold water helps me pull myself together. This is especially useful for someone whose self has been shattered by persistent nightmares of the Red Sox loss to the Mets in the 1986 World Series or by driving to the club behind a tourist from Outer Slobovia, San Ramon or Boston.

Another response that we've used with great success is to say: "It's helping me recover from the day in parochial school when a strong wind blew off Sister Tina Louise's wimple." You could, of course, substitute a similar life-shaping experience from your grammar-school class in ballroom dancing, or your libidinous life in a co-ed dormitory.

The hard scientific response also has its advocates and takes many forms, one of which goes something like this: "Recent studies by the Monolithic Institute of Inept Technology, indicate that when peptide hormones bind to opiate receptors in the cerebellum of an endotherm immersed in cold water, the hypothalamus, forming, as you know, the major portion of the ventral region of the diencephalon, goes, like"...whoa Nellie! No one within hearing distance will ever broach the subject again.

Putting the questioner on the defensive can also have a devastating effect especially if you use a bit of snappy sarcasm: "*Au contraire,*" you might say, "I do it to cool down when I'm too hot to handle. What do you do?"



Water Ballet under the Golden Gate—Are you nuts?

Thrown off balance by such a jaunty reply—*the au contraire* is key here—questioners will quickly change the subject fearful of revealing some deep secret about their love life or their metabolism, whichever comes first.

An answer that appeals to students of American Transcendentalism, as practiced by Ralph Waldo Emerson and Groucho Marx, goes something like this: "I'm searching for the Great White Sea Lion that lives in the Cove." There's no need to tell the questioner that the legendary beast has been seen only by double-dipping Polar Bear swimmers the evening of March 20th.

A variation on this pinniped theme is: "I've bonded with a harbor seal and am overwhelmed by the desire to see her (him, it) as often as I can." This answer works especially well with people who think their pets are really people.

Honesty—frequently the last choice in social discourse—provides one of the best answers: "Being a Freudian (or Jungian, proletarian, vegetarian, etc.)," you say, "I'm totally hooked on the pleasure principle and swimming in the Bay makes me so principled I can't stand it. It throws me into such a tumult that I want to win an Oscar and make love to everybody." This response will withstand all scrutiny.

Finally, you can pull out all the stops and say: "No, swimming in the Bay's cold water puts me in a state of bliss rivaled only by the languorous satisfaction I feel after good sex." And, you might add, "if you're feeling testy, I never have to turn around and ask the water: 'Was it good for you, too?'" This answer will throw most questioners into a dither, which is just where they belong. A few, however, will soon be sitting next to you in the sauna.

Dolphin Club Officers and Board of Governors Election for the Year 2000

Please submit nomination petitions to the Recording Secretary at the Board of Governor's Meeting:

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

1999 Swim Schedule

Schedule Subject to Changes

Date	*Event*	*Jump-Off*
December 21, 1998 - *Monday*	*Polar Bear Swim Begins*	
January 1 - *Thursday*	New Year's Day Alcatraz and Cove	09:00
January 31 - *Saturday*	☸Mid-Winter Gas House Cove	08:14
February 14 - *Sunday*	Z - Man Mid-Winter Cove	09:00
March 21 - *Sunday*	☸Spring Cove *Polar (Bear Swim Ends)*	09:00
April 17 - *Saturday*	☸Yacht Harbor	10:00
April 23 - *Friday*	☸South End Twilight Cove, Dinner, and Dance!	18:00
May 8 - *Saturday*	☸Pier 43 1/2	09:15
May 23 - *Sunday*	☸**Dick Beeler** Crazy Cove	09:00
June 1 - *Tuesday*	*100 Mile Swim Begins*	
June 12 - *Saturday*	☸Crissy Field	07:45
June 18 - *Friday*	☸Twilight Cove - Pot Luck and BBQ	18:30
July 4 - *Sunday*	☸Pier 39	07:30
July 11 - *Sunday*	☸Fort Point	07:30
July 17 - *Saturday*	☸Trans Tahoe Relay	TBA
July 23 - *Friday*	☸Gas House Cove Twilight/Pot Luck and BBQ	18:30
July 31 - *Saturday*	☸Santa Cruz Pier Swim	11:00
August 13 - *Friday*	☸Twilight Pier 43 1/2	18:30
August 28 - *Saturday*	☸**Doc Howard** - Over 45 - Gas House Cove	10:00
September 12 - *Sunday*	☸Over Sixty Cove - *Swim fees not necessary*	10:00
September 12 - *Sunday*	Introduction to Bay Swimming	TBA
September 18 - *Saturday*	**Joe Bruno** Golden Gate II - Fast Day	08:00
September 19 - *Sunday*	**Joe Bruno** Golden Gate I - Slow Day	08:45
October 3 - *Sunday*	Alcatraz	08:30
October 10 - *Saturday*	Dolphin/South End Triathlon	08:30
October 17 - *Sunday*	Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon	07:40
October 24 - *Sunday*	Handicap Cove	09:00
October 31 - *Saturday*	*100 Mile Swim Ends*	
November 13 - *Saturday*	Annual Swim and Pilot Appreciation Dinner	19:00
November 25 - *Thursday*	Thanksgiving Day Cove	09:00
December 19 - *Sunday*	New Year's Day Alcatraz Qualifier	09:00
December 21 - *Monday*	*Polar Bear Swim Begins*	

• Swim Program Rules •

1. Club scheduled swims are restricted to club members only.
2. Swimmers are required to wear fluorescent orange caps on all scheduled swims.
3. Swimmers must be members in good standing with dues current and swim fees paid.
4. New members are not eligible to swim in scheduled swims for 6 months from their membership start.
5. Out-of-cove swims are limited to 60 swimmers and may be further limited by the Swim Commission.
6. Alcatraz and Golden Gate swims are limited to 75 swimmers; Alcatraz swimmers are chosen by lottery.
7. Swim sign-up sheets are posted two weeks prior to each swim.
8. Time limits are imposed and enforced for all swims.
9. All club boats are reserved for scheduled swims.

• Additional qualifications for Alcatraz and Golden Gate Swims •

10. In-town members must successfully complete 2 swims marked with a wheel (☸) and one other scheduled swim and pilot or help on at least 2 others.
11. Out-of-town members (those residing 100+ miles from the club) must have successfully completed 2 of the last 3 club scheduled Alcatraz and/or Golden Gate swims or meet rule 10 above.
12. Once a member has qualified for Alcatraz/Golden gate swims, non-qualified members will be given priority to qualifying swims.

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